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'CHRISTMAS VILLAGE'

Members of Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team are building a miniature structure that resembles Disney's *Frozen*. This is just one of the many attractions that will be displayed at the "Christmas Village" during the Christmas season. The miniature village will be displayed adjacent to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe and is a primary undertaking of the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation. The village will be unveiled on Nov. 27.

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Justices hear Crisostomo appeal

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The CNMI Supreme Court heard yesterday the appeal of Joseph Acosta Crisostomo, a notorious habitual offender who was slapped with a life sentence for kidnapping, raping, and killing Emerita R. Romero.

Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro later placed the matter under advise-

ment. Associate Justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos were members of the appellate panel.

In his appeal, Crisostomo asked the high court to reverse the jury's guilty verdict; he demands a new trial.

Crisostomo, through counsel Janet H. King, asserted that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, who presided over the trial, made several errors and committed abuses

during the trial.

King presented 10 issues in the appeal but her arguments yesterday focused on Camacho's alleged abuse by excluding Crisostomo's motion to admit Dr. David Haymer as an expert witness in forensic DNA.

Allowing Haymer to testify would have changed the outcome of the trial, King said.

King asserted that justice has not been served since Crisostomo's arrest.

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Two dueling petitions—one that supports the appointment of Cynthia Deleon Guerrero as Public School System commissioner and another that opposes it—have been launched on change.org.

As of 8pm last night, 140 have signed the petition to support Deleon Guerrero, while 25 have signed the petition against her.

The Board of Education has scheduled an emergency meeting today to discuss the matter.

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Hocog insists no allegations that he participated in fraud

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Lt. Gov. Victor Hocog asked the federal court yesterday to dismiss a lawsuit filed by a Japanese investor who alleged that Hocog and his relatives refused to pay back the \$3.4 million that he put up for the cargo ship M/V *Luta*.

Hocog, through Guam-based counsel Jeffrey A. Moots, asserted that there is nothing to indicate that he participated in any of the allegations.

In order to state a claim for fraud, Takahisa Yamamoto must assert who, what, when, where and how in particularity, said Moots, who used to be the CNMI chief prosecutor and

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It's a waiting game at the House

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The minority bloc of the incoming House of Representatives would like to see the majority makes its moves first before deciding on who they would support as speaker of the 20th House, which formally opens in January next year.

"I think the GOP [NMI Republican Party] are now discussing who will be the next speaker," said Rep. Blas Jonathan T. Attao (Ind-Saipan), who came second in Precinct 3 with 1,119 votes behind top vote getter and former press secretary Ivan A. Blanco's 1,209.

Reps. Edmund S. Villagomez (Ind-

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Group led by ex-Dynasty chair eyes \$75M hotel in San Roque

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A group of investors is planning to build a \$75-million, nine-storey hotel complete with pools, restaurants, shops, and staff housing units directly south of the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

Tom Liu of Globe International Group serves as the contact person in the application but was off-the island when *Saipan Tribune* tried to contact him.

Michael Kwan, former chairman of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, serves as property owner. Liu is also a former general manager of Tinian Dynasty.

Global International Group has already filed for a conditional use application that is set for discussion during the

Dec. 1 board meeting at the Commonwealth Zoning Office in Dandan.

The hotel, which has yet to be named, will straddle four lots with a total area of 41,990 square meters. The new hotel is planned to have 438 rooms, 15 villas that include 82 apartments, and 201 car parking spaces.

The property's boundaries include the lagoon to the west side of the site and Route 30, which is to the site's east. Two lots out of four have structures in them, with a total of five houses within the lots.

Zoning board chair Diego C. Blanco would be holding a public hearing on Global International Group's request for a conditional use permit on Dec. 1, 2016, at the Zoning Office conference room at the Joeten Dandan building.

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Ayuda gets donation from TSL Foundation

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The TSL Foundation donated T-shirts and gift certificates worth \$1,500 to the Ayuda

Network, Inc. yesterday for the network's upcoming Stress-Free Holiday Fair.

TanHoldings corporate consultant David "Uncle Dave" M. Sablan turned over the

donations to network representatives at the JP Center in Garapan.

The Stress-Free Holiday Fair will be held this Saturday. *See AYUDA on Page 5*



Ayuda Network Inc. representatives pose with Tan Siu Lin Foundation's David M. Sablan, center, after the foundation donated \$1,500 to the network on Nov. 17 at the JP Center.

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Guam prepares events to welcome possible next archbishop

HAGATNAM, Guam (AP)—Guam is preparing a series of events in late November to welcome the man who could become its next archbishop.

Coadjutor Archbishop Michael Jude Byrnes will arrive from Detroit on Nov. 28 and be welcomed by Archbishop

Savio Hon Tai Fai and other clergy members, the Archdiocese of Agaña told *The Pacific Daily News*.

Hon was sent to Guam in June to temporarily replace current Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron on an administrative basis.

Apuron, 71, has been Guam's high-

est Catholic leader for 30 years but faces a trial in Rome over multiple allegations of sex abuse of altar boys in the 1970s.

Byrnes, 58, will have the right to succeed Apuron if he resigns, retires or is removed. Byrnes was auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit

before Pope Francis appointed him to the Guam post.

Byrnes will spend his first day on the island with Hon and the clergy in a day of recollection and private Mass at the Saint Therese Chapel at the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica in Hagatna. The arch-

diocese said he will also meet with local religious men's and women's groups.

Island residents will have the opportunity to see and hear Byrnes during the Nov. 30 evening Mass at the cathedral-basilica.

Byrnes will also meet with representatives of all parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic institutions, and other lay ministries.

HOCOG

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was also an assistant public defender.

Moots said allegations of fraud must include the "time, place, and specific content of the false representation as well as the identities of the parties to the misrepresentations."

Moots said a plaintiff alleging fraud "must set forth more than the neutral facts necessary to identify the transaction."

The plaintiff, Moots said, must set forth what is false or misleading about

the statement and why it is false.

The lawyer said a review of Yamamoto's fraud claim in paragraphs 44 to 50 establish no such allegations specifically directed to fraud.

Moots said the complaint is bereft of any allegations that Hocog participated in any of the matters relating to fraud.

Moots pointed out that the complaint has to be dismissed.

"The complaint does not meet the requirements of who, what, when, where and how; the complaint does not set forth what is false or misleading about the statements and why it

is false; and it does not link any of the activity to any specific person," he said.

The lawyer said the complaint does not set forth factual allegations beyond a right to relief above a speculative level as against Hocog.

He said the complaint must set forth "enough facts to state a claim to a relief that is plausible on its face."

Moots asserted that this would include alleging specifically what it is that Hocog has done to bring him before the court.

Moots said because the allegations which are specific to the factual basis

of the claim never mentioned Hocog, the claims are deficient.

Yamamoto is suing Hocog, M/V Luta, Luta Mermaid LLC, Abelina T. Mendiola, Deron T. Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, Fidel Mendiola Jr., and Robert Toelkes.

Luta Mermaid owns M/V Luta. Abelina Mendiola, Fidel S. Mendiola III, and Deron Mendiola are members of the company.

Abelina Mendiola is based on Rota, while Fidel Mendiola is a resident of Louisiana, and Deron Mendiola is a resident of Idaho, according to court papers.

Yamamoto is suing them for breach of contract, fraud, and unjust enrichment.

With the filing of the lawsuit, the U.S. Marshal Service seized M/V Luta last Oct. 25 and appointed the National Maritime Services Inc. as custodian of the vessel.

Yamamoto asked the court that the vessel be condemned and be sold to pay his demands, including interest and cost.

After Yamamoto filed the case in

federal court, two companies and crew members of M/V Luta also joined in the lawsuit.

Norton Lilly International Inc., an Alabama corporation, filed a complaint in order to collect \$131,801.10 in alleged unpaid goods and services.

The captain and six other crew members of M/V Luta have also intervened in Yamamoto's lawsuit because they allegedly have not been paid their wages, \$183,647.77.

Long Consulting LLC, a limited liability company, has also claimed to have a maritime lien in M/V Luta after the vessel's owners/operators allegedly failed to repay any part of their \$300,000 loan or any interest.

It was former Department of Public Lands secretary John DelRosario who first filed a lawsuit against Hocog over M/V Luta.

Last May, DelRosario filed the taxpayer's lawsuit against Hocog and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson over the alleged adoption of a resolution that purportedly authorized payment of \$400,000 to Luta Mermaid, a private company owned by Hocog's relatives.

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Saipan) and Attao were among the five independent lawmakers who survived the GOP onslaught and won their respective re-election bids last week. Villagomez placed third in a 12-candidate field to win his fourth straight term in Precinct 3 with 1,092 votes.

Reps. Edwin K. Propst (Precinct 1), Vinson F. Sablan (Precinct 4), and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero are the other members of the minority bloc that also ran as independents.

The local Republican Party has 15 members—Angel A. Demapan, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., Rafael S. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Donald C. Barcinas, Jose I. Itibus, Alice S. Igitol, Blanco, Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, and Glenn L. Maratita.

Villagomez said the minority wants to see first who are vying for the speakership. House Speaker Rafael S. Demapan had already ex-

pressed his intent to keep his post.

"We need to see first who will be the candidates. Whether there would still be two or more candidates, we don't know. It would be amongst them first to decide. We're going to wait how it goes and we need to get a clear picture first," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*.

"If there's only one, what does it matter if five of us abstain? According to the statement made by House Speaker Demapan, there would be no sharing of terms anymore. And I don't think they would like to create any division within their group," Villagomez added.

Minority leader

The five-member minority group has not decided yet who would be their leader. "We haven't decided yet but we're leaning toward seniority and we respect that. So the most senior among us is Rep. Villagomez. He is the best candidate," said Attao.

Villagomez said that nothing is official and they have to discuss things first. "We still haven't officially approved [me as minority leader]. We're still going to meet to make it

official, before anything happens."

Both independent lawmakers said although they are in the minority, they would continue to support policies and programs that would benefit the CNMI.

People's choice

Attao said that they were saddened that five of their colleagues from the independent bloc failed to secure a spot in the 20th House.

House minority leader Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb and Reps. Anthony T. Benavente, Ralph N. Yumul, and Roman C. Benavente were the other independent bloc members who were unsuccessful in their bids for another term at the House. Joseph A. Flores was also unsuccessful in his first time to run for office.

"There are only five of us now. We accept the election results and we respect the whole process. The people have spoken and we respect their decision. They ultimately made the decision and their actions decide who were the best to represent them," said Attao.

"What's really important is they performed their civic duty and cast their votes," he added.

COMPETING

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ports Deleon Guerrero's appointment is available at:

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The petition against Deleon Guerrero is at:

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BOE chair Herman Guerrero was earlier close-mouthed on the issue, saying he will disclose his sentiments on the matter in today's board meeting. Guerrero also hopes to resolve

the issue today.

While several people are for Deleon Guerrero, most of those that were interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* were against the appointment, claiming that the selection process was fixed.

Sources claimed that three out of five members of the BOE voted for Deleon Guerrero during the selection process: Janice A. Tenorio, Marylou S. Ada, and Tanya R. King. Many teachers are demanding an answer as to why she was voted for in the first place.

Those that disagreed with the appointment claimed they had nothing against Deleon Guerrero but just wish for a transparent selection process. Many teachers questioned her qualifications compared to the other candidates, Ignacia Demapan and Glenn Muna, who have both doctorate degrees. Deleon Guerrero had a master's degree.

A concerned PSS teacher, Alisa Pangelinan, wrote an open letter to Guerrero, demanding that the deci-

sion be rescinded, saying the selection process had a conflict of interest.

Pangelinan also stated in the letter that the matter could be elevated to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, on the grounds of discriminatory practices.

Pangelinan pointed out in the letter that there was a conflict in proper work ethic because Deleon Guerrero was the PSS' director of Human Resources during her selection.

Pangelinan stated in her letter that she, and a few others, were ready to pursue legal actions due to the board's hiring practices.

"We will charge each individual board member who voted for her and call for each member's resignation because of the board's misconduct in their discriminatory action," Pangelinan wrote.

A board meeting to address the issue would be held today at the PSS' federal programs conference room, building 1203, on Capital Hill.

JUSTICES

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Of Camacho's alleged failure to suppress identifying the 911 call, Manglona said the issue is more on violation of constitutional right rather than the court's abuse of discretion.

King agreed with Manglona and stated that her position now is not an abuse of discretion.

Inos said King was saying that the wife was estranged from Crisostomo. "You're saying that she forgot his voice?" Inos asked.

King replied that it was her suggestion. She also stated that there were two voice tapes—the original and the other where the FBI removed background noise.

Inos asked if King presented a rebuttal that the voice in the 911 call was not Crisostomo's. King said she did not, but that she cross-examined the former wife about her being biased against Crisostomo.

Inos also asked King about her argument that Crisostomo's due process rights were violated when Camacho failed to change the venue of the trial to either Rota or Tinian because of the case's massive publicity.

"The two newspapers also reach Tinian and Rota?" Inos asked.

King replied that victim Emerita Romero was a bar waitress on Saipan and associated with many people on the island.

In the government's opposition, assistant attorney general Matthew Baisley said Crisostomo was convicted based on a mountain of evidence to overcome in his appeal.

Baisley cited among the "strong evidence" the defendant's footprints, DNA evidence, 911 voice identification, black cotton fibers, shoe fibers, hair sample, rented Toyota Corolla, victim's cell phone, cell tower records, among other things.

The second issue that Crisostomo presented in the appeal is that Camacho violated the defendant's Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights when he allowed the prosecution to illegally obtain and use defendant's footprint and gait while he was in custody awaiting his trial.

Third, King said, Camacho violated the defendant's due process rights when he failed to change the venue of the trial.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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Happy birthday greetings go out to our dear boss, Shirley Kim, who is celebrating her special day today! We wish you all the happiness in life. Keep being healthy and more birthdays to come. Greetings come from the staff and management of Hotel Sun Palace, Makeover Beauty Salon, and the Northern Marianas Badminton Association.

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AK Guam, GPD renew lease for patrol vehicles

Guam's police officers will continue patrolling the island's neighborhoods with the help and commitment of long-time community partner Atkins Kroll Guam.

Police chief J.I. Cruz, Col. Mark Charfauros, and Public Safety oversight chair Sen. Frank B. Aguon, Jr. met with AK Guam president Des Graham last month to ensure the extension of vehicle leases.

The public-private collaboration secured 10 Toyota Prius vehicles to be used by Guam's police officers.

According to the one-year lease, a total of 10 Toyota Prius vehicles remain part of the public safety agency's fleet. Takagi and Associates will remain as the vehicle insurers.

In addition, through revolving funds, six more police vehicles were purchased from Cars Plus Guam for neighborhood patrol. (PR)

AYUDA

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day, Nov. 19, at the Garapan Central Park in China Town. The activity is part of National Family Caregivers and Diabetes Awareness Month.

According to Jamie S. Ada, program coordinator for the Commonwealth Respite Service Program, "[The holiday fair] will indulge our women in the CNMI to come and enjoy a stress reliever activity."

For parents attending the holiday fair, there will be a children's day care provided by the Division of Youth Services and the Motherread/Fatherread program.

"We will have different types of activities, arts and crafts, and entertainment, gift-wrapping included," Ada said. "So if you have any gifts that need to be wrapped, you can bring it down and we'll wrap it up for free. In fact, everything happening there will be free."

Ada extended appreciation to the TSF Foundation, Merlie Tolentino, and Mel Naputi for yesterday's donation.

"We are beyond grateful to be receiving this big amount... for always communicating with us and help[ing] with the donation we are receiving today," she said.

Sablan lauded Ayuda for its role in helping those in need.

"There are a lot of families that need help here on this island. ... A T-shirt is just a ceremonial thing, but they got some money from the foundation that they can use for food or clothing," he said.



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DOC officials allegedly refuse to grant detainee's request

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A detainee facing a rape case sued Department of Corrections' officials yesterday in federal court for allegedly refusing to provide him with soursop tea, a traditional method of healing to treat a painful cancerous growth in his mouth.

Joseph S. Epina, 43, is suing DOC Commissioner Georgia Cabrera, Division of Pre-Trial Detention director Jose Pangelinan, and Division of Corrections director Gregory Castro

for allegedly depriving him of liberty without due process and depriving him of a traditional method of healing.

Epina, through counsel Jeanne H. Rayphand, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI for a temporary restraining order that will stop DOC and their agents from denying him his traditional treatment for cancer.

Epina, who is asking for a gallon of soursop tea everyday, asked the court to prevent Corrections from denying him this traditional treatment for cancer while the case is pend-

ing and during the time he is detained at DOC.

Epina has been at Corrections since March 14, 2016.

According to Rayphand in the complaint, Epina was diagnosed in 2012 with varrucuous carcinoma after which surgery was performed to remove the cancer. About a week after the surgery, the cancer re-appeared, and Dr. Kenneth D. Pierson recommended that Epina drink soursop tea, Rayphand said.

The lawyer said after drinking the soursop tea for three months, the cancer disappeared.

However, Rayphand said, in October 2015 the cancer once again appeared and plaintiff again began drinking soursop tea, which resulted in reduction of the cancer's size.

After being detained at DOC in March 2016, Epina allegedly requested that he be given soursop tea in order to combat the recurring cancer. Rayphand said the defendants denied Epina's requests.

On June 16, 2016, Dr. Daniel Lamar sent a prescription for Epina to DOC to allow Epina to have a soursop tea. Again, DOC refused to do so,

Rayphand said.

Denying Epina's tea to treat the growing and painful tumors in his mouth deprived him of his 14th Amendment right to adequate medical care while in custody, Rayphand said, in violation of the 14th Amendment of the

U.S. Constitution.

Rayphand said defendants' denial of the traditional practice of treating cancer with soursop tea violates the CNMI Constitution and contributes to the destruction of traditional Chamorro and Carolinian practices.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission"), hereby give notice that the Commission has scheduled a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library (Technology Room) in Susupe, Saipan.

The following Agenda will be discussed:

- I. PRELIMINARIES:**
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes: October 17-18, 2016; October 25, 2016
- II. REPORTS:**
 - A. Report by the Chairman
 - B. Report by the Executive Director
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. New Gaming Chips & Plaque: Approval of Internal Control, Design & Denomination, Etc
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Contract for Suitability & Other Due Diligence Investigations – Junket Applicants
 - B. Casino Key Employee – Regular License
 1. Yim, Ka Wing Gary – VP Infrastructure
 2. Sousa, Eugenio Ricardo De – VP of Security
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 4. Lau, Ka Fong – VP of Table Games
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 8. Tang, Koon Chiu Albert – SVP Information Technology
 9. Mascio, Vincent P. – Executive VP Operation
 - C. Casino Vendor – Regular License: DFS Saipan Limited – dba T-Galleria
 - D. Casino Key Employee – Provisional License: Hu, Yanan – Manager Gaming Solutions
 - E. Provisional Casino Service Provider - Gaming Related:
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 - F. Casino Vendor – Provisional License (Non-Gaming)
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 6. P&A Corporation – dba Winners Gas Retail
 7. Phoenix Service, Inc.
 8. PTI Pacifica, Inc. – dba IT&E Pacifica
 9. Saint Trading Co., Inc.
 10. Atkins Kroll (Saipan), Inc.
 11. Tropical Gardens, Inc.
 12. N15 Architecture Company, Inc. – dba N15 Architecture
 13. Boyer Trading Company, LLC – Ginen Saipan
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - A. Report by the Legal Counsel
 - B. Financial Matters – Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC
 - C. CCC Personnel Matters
- VII. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: Updates from IPI**
 - A. Compliance with Title 31 - Anti-Money Laundering Requirements
 - B. Status of the Bond Offering
 - C. Workforce Plan: Personnel Training, Employment & Recruitment Efforts
 - D. Construction Progress Report – Grand Mariana Project/ Imperial Pacific Resort
 - E. Responsible Gaming – Problem Gambling
 - F. Other
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Commission may vote to meet in Executive Session. In addition, the Commission may extend its official meeting for another day or more if necessary.

Juan M. Sablan
Chairman

Man's 235-month sentence is reversed

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has reversed the 235-month prison sentence of a man who was convicted of luring women from China to Saipan on false promises of jobs and then forcing them into prostitution once they got here.

The Ninth Circuit reversed Wei Lin's sentence and remanded his case to U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona for resentencing.

The Ninth Circuit ruled that Manglona erred in calculating Lin's base offense level.

Lin had tried to withdraw his guilty plea as his base offense level was set at 34 but the Ninth Circuit's decision makes his argument moot.

Under base offense level 34, the sentence is between 151 months to 188 months imprisonment.

Ninth Circuit Judge Jerome Farris issued the opinion. Circuit Judges J. Clifford Wallace and Paul J. Watford concurred.

The Ninth Circuit judges said they need not reach Lin's substantive unreasonableness argument since they vacate his sentence on the base offense level error.

The judges said common sense, the plain language of the sentencing guidelines, and the Sentencing Commission's commentary all show that a section in the sentencing guidelines provides that the offense level for sex trafficking is 34 "if the offense of conviction is 18 U.S.C. Section 1591(b)(1)," only applies to defendants who are subject to the 15-year mandatory minimum.

The Ninth Circuit judges said because Lin was not subject to the statute's mandatory minimum, they concluded that

Manglona erred in applying the base level of 34, rather than the base offense level of 14.

Under base offense level 14, the sentence is between 15

months to 21 months imprisonment.

The 18 U.S.C. Section 1591(b)(1) imposes a 15-year mandatory minimum if the of-

fense involved minors under the age of 14, or force, threats of force, fraud or coercion.

The indictment charged Lin with conspiracy to commit sex

trafficking and several counts of sex trafficking.

Lin pleaded guilty to the conspiracy count, which carried no mandatory minimum.

In exchange, the substantive sex trafficking offenses, which carried 15-year mandatory minimums, were dismissed. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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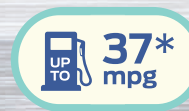
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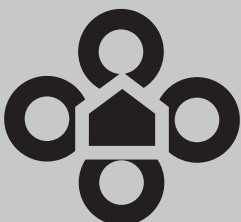
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2 suspected 'ice' traffickers fall

Members of the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force and Drug Enforcement Administration Saipan Post of Duty arrested on Wednesday afternoon two persons who allegedly sell methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

Officers served an arrest warrant on Joleen Camacho Castro, 35, in Sadog Tasi, and on Liu Zhia Shan, 51, also known as Papa, in Chalan Kanoa, for alleged trafficking of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.

Their bail was retained at \$100,000 cash each.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo appointed assistant public defender Tillman Clark as counsel for Castro and Shan. Assistant attorney general Heather Barcinas appeared for the government.

Preliminary hearing for Castro will be on Nov. 25 at 9am, while for Shan will be on Nov. 22 at 1:30pm.

In Castro's case, police officer Nicholas Aldan Rabauliman stated in his report that a cooperating defendant managed to buy "ice" from Castro during a "buy-walk operation"

in the parking lot of a hotel in Sadog Tasi in the afternoon of Sept. 27.

In Shan's case, police officer Roque K. Camacho stated in his report that they received information in the past about a Chinese national who has been selling "ice" at a poker room in Chalan Kanoa and in that village.

Camacho said a confidential source disclosed that a Chinese national known as Papa, later identified as Shan, once approached him/her and asked if he/she wants to buy "ice." Papa then allegedly provided him/

her his cell phone number.

The cooperating source then volunteered to assist the task force and other law enforcement in looking into Papa's drug activities.

Camacho said a cooperating defendant was able to buy \$230 worth of "ice" from Shan during a "buy-walk" operation in the afternoon of April 1.

Camacho said the cooperating defendant first met Shan outside a poker arcade in Chalan Kanoa, then the two proceeded to a parking lot of a store in Chalan Kanoa.

Rabauliman and Cama-

cho said the test of the seized drugs in the two cases were both presumptive positive for methamphetamine. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

COMMUNITY BRIEFS**SHEFA deadlines**

The SHEFA deadline for new application only is on Dec. 1, 2016. The deadline for all supporting documents is on Feb. 28, 2017. All documents must be complete and submitted at once. *(SHEFA)*

Wage and salary statement workshop

The Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance will be conducting a workshop for the Annual Wage and Salary Statement, Form (W-2CM) for tax year 2016 and other 2016 yearend filing requirements. The workshop will be on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016. The first seminar will be from 8am to 11am and the second will be from 1pm to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center. Businesses, employers and all payroll service companies are encouraged to attend. Please confirm your attendance by calling the Division of Revenue and Taxation at 664-1000 and 664-1098 or fax at 664-1015. *(PR)*

Holiday closures at Visitor Center

The American Memorial Park Visitor Center will be closed in observance of the upcoming federal holidays:

- Nov. 24, 2016, Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25, 2016, Christmas Day
- Jan. 1, 2017, New Year's Day

Park staff would also like to encourage the public to visit the Visitor Center. With the exception of the holidays closed, the VC is open every day from 9am to 5pm.

If you have any questions, contact park ranger Brooke Nevitt at 234-7207 or 2020 or email brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. *(NPS)*

Holiday bazaar on Dec. 4

The annual Brilliant Star School Holiday Bazaar will be held Sunday, Dec. 4, from 9am to 4pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Supe. The event is an opportunity for artists and other vendors to showcase their arts, and for residents and visitors to get an early start on buying unique and beautiful gifts for the holidays. Interested vendors may contact the school at 323-STAR (323-7827). For parents who would like to have a little alone shopping time, the event features an arts and crafts area for children. The daylong event is also graced by performances throughout the day by various community cultural and arts groups. There will also be raffles. *(PR)*

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Magical display at the 'Christmas Village'

An extraordinary seasonal attraction in time to ring in the Christmas holiday is in the works for the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation and its partners. For the very first time, a "Christmas Village" will rise next to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center and spread holiday cheer in the CNMI.

The "Christmas Village" will open on Nov. 26, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and will run through Jan. 8. There will be a cluster of miniature houses and barns and buildings be-decked in lights and festive Christmas decor.

"Initially, former first lady [Josie Fitia] had the traditional tree lighting that we enjoyed from year to year," said first lady Diann Tudela Torres. "We attended it last year and it was the signature event during Christmas season that was initiated by first lady Josie. This time, being my first year as first lady, I wanted to kick it up a notch. We have gone through a devastation and we want to lift up the spirits of everybody; the economy is getting better. ... Since the holiday season is really short, we want to take advantage of that and lift everyone's spirits at least within that short period of time. Several ideas have been thrown in but the Christmas Village stood out the most."

The First Lady Diann Torres Foundation initially partnered with Imperial Pacific

International, Ltd. and the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library for the project.

"We decided to branch out and get a few other partners to help us with logistics and invited the Governor's Office to be part of this. We want to have something for everybody, the entire community and even our tourists, a place to come and relax and enjoy the lights," said Torres.

Imperial Pacific Corporate Social Responsibility executive director Geri Dela Cruz acknowledged that this undertaking has created a unique partnership.

"BSI-CSR is extremely excited about the upcoming Christmas Village. Many different agencies have partnered with our first lady Diann Torres. It's a wonderful idea to create a hub in which the local community and visitors can go and enjoy the spirit of the holidays," Dela Cruz said.

"BSI-CSR is not only involved in the logistics of this undertaking, but we will be participating and creating our own display as well," she added.

The Department of Public Safety will be in charge of turning the lights on and off daily and for security.

Torres said that they plan to hold events in the weekends and even a few throughout the week, including performances.

"We will invite someone to sing, a Christmas carol group, a dance, just some-



thing really small and cozy. We will have a couple of vendors of simple finger foods, like ice cream, snow cones, maybe barbecue sticks but no sit-down dinner, just food on the go. This is an event where the community can come and take pictures, bring the kids and the whole family, and just enjoy." (PR)

Structures began to form as Imperial Pacific International, Ltd.'s Corporate Social Responsibility team prepares for the Nov. 27 unveiling of the "Christmas Village," a primary undertaking headed by the First Lady Diann Torres Foundation.

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Company eyes reviving Tinian-Saipan ferry service

By JON PEREZ
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REPORTER

Bridge Investment Group chief executive officer Philip Mendiola-Long said their company is looking at reviving the ferry service to and from Saipan—a move that could bring back inter-island commerce between the two islands and breathe life to Tinian's struggling economy.

The ferry would again connect both islands with commuters having an alternative means of transportation. Right now, anyone going to Tinian

has to use STAR Marianas airplanes for their daily commute and transport of goods between Saipan and Tinian.

Mendiola-Long, who topped the race for the Tinian and Aguiñan Municipal Council last week, said that reviving the ferry service is one of BIG's plans to boost the island's economic activity and their commitment in helping the community.

"We are investing in Tinian and in the community. One of our projects is the [roll-on/roll-off] ferry and included in that is the ferry terminal," Mendiola-Long told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said they plan to begin construction of the ferry terminal either next month or in early January so it would be operational by March or April next year.

"We already bought a 50-meter ferry. It is bigger so it would not...rock if you take the ferry," added Mendiola-Long.

The previous ferry for both islands was a smaller craft that rocked when hit by waves while traveling the Saipan Strait. Passengers who are not used to sea travel

get seasick or throw up despite the less than 30-minute travel time.

Mendiola-Long said the ferry could also transport vehicles "It can fit eight trucks or 20-plus cars."

He said the ferry service would also increase tourism on Tinian and tour agents could start offering Saipan-Tinian tour packages. "Tourism will also benefit from the ferry aside from an increase in inter-island commerce."

"If you're a tourist and want to visit Tinian, you could now drive there. Hop

in your car, drive to the ferry terminal on Saipan, load it up, and then you can drive around Tinian. You can be back on Saipan by late afternoon," said Mendiola-Long. "You visit two islands for the price of one."

Ferry service to Tinian is

usually offered during the three-day Hot Pepper Festival, where Saipan residents join in the festivities. The ferry service to Tinian was halted in 2010 and in 2014 the Department of Public Works decided to call off a feasibility plan of reviving it.

Neal thanks Rotary for \$1K donation

Marianas Pacific Paddlers Shelli Neal thanked the Rotary Club of Saipan for donating \$1,000 to the sport of outrigger canoeing while serving as guest speaker of the group's weekly meeting last Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

"I don't believe our club received the money. Napu [Outrigger Canoe Club], which is the juniors team, received \$1,000," Neal said. "Any funds that we get to help, they go to great use and we can't do this sport without the help from the community, particularly for a club like Napu with about 30 juniors."

"Those guys [Napu] don't work, so they depend on either fundraising or funds from their family. We don't want this sport to be taxing on their relatives and be an impediment to get kids out there and learn a

sport that will help them transition into the adult team. So all teams work together to hit up the community and put up fundraisers, sell raffle tickets, pick up trash, and contact organizations like the Rotary Club to request support for our endeavors because we don't just paddle here—we go throughout Micronesia representing the CNMI," Neal said.

Rotary Club president Ivan Ilmov said, "Three weeks ago, we had a representative from a paddling club and they asked for donations in regards to the potential of traveling to Palau and represent the CNMI as a team. So we gave them \$1,000 to help cover expenses. In total, they asked the community for about \$14,000 so we hope we can help them with something." (Micheal T. Santos)

Koblerville station to undergo renovation

The Koblerville Fire Station No. 4 will be shut down on Nov. 16 for renovation and expansion, according to a statement yesterday from the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service.

The construction will begin on Nov. 21, 2016, and it will take approximately 120 days for the project to be completed.

All fire fighters and emergency vehicles assigned to the

Koblerville station will be relocated to the Susupe Fire Station No. 1 for the duration of the construction. All calls for emergency will still be made by dialing 911 or 664-9003/4.

This expansion/renovation project is made possible through the Community Development Block Grant from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development through the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. (DFEMS)

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The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resource Management (DCRM) is currently updating regulations found in NMIAC 15-10. Proposed changes are tracked in "track changes" and is available online at: <http://ow.ly/on8x305sbEy>

The public is invited to attend this important meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016, 2PM at the JC Restaurant conference room in San Jose, Tinian. The purpose of this meeting is to review substantive changes, answer questions, and solicit comments.

Comments on proposed changes can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resource Management at erinderrington@becq.gov.mp or as hard copies to the Permit Section. Comments must be received by January 12, 2017 in order for them to be incorporated into a final draft of updated revisions. Another notice and comment period will be announced when final changes are proposed for adoption. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.

2 GOP lawmakers hope Trump addresses NMI issues

By JON PEREZ

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REPORTER

Two NMI Republican Party lawmakers hope that President-elect Donald J. Trump would help address the issues of the CNMI and other territories, especially those in the Pacific region. It has been a week since the GOP bet defeated former State Secretary Hillary R. Clinton to become the 45th U.S. President. Trump beat Clinton by getting 276 electoral votes against the latter's 218 that put an end to a bitter, contentious, and hard-fought campaign between two of the most unpopular candidates in U.S. election history.

Senate vice president Arnold I. Palacios (R-Ind) said he is hopeful the CNMI and other territories would also benefit after the Republicans regained control of the White House, the House of Representatives, and the Senate, particularly the CNMI that is currently experiencing labor and immigration issues.

"I really do hope that President-elect Trump's win will

be good to the CNMI and the other territories. I'm hopeful that our issues would be given attention to, especially that the governor is part of an advisory committee under Mr. Trump," said Palacios.

Palacios and Rep. Angel A. Demapan are both part of the CNMI panel, headed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, that is engaged in 902 talks with the federal side led by Office of Insular Affairs Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina.

Palacios is chair of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies while Demapan is his counterpart in the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

Palacios said that he wants to make sure that the desires of the citizens of the Marianas would be properly addressed. "I'm very hopeful that Mr. Trump would include the CNMI and the rest of the territories once he forms his administration and his policies."

"We don't want to be unique. We're not asking for

special privileges...but we want to make sure that our issues are also taken care of and addressed. That's why we, Angel and I, are trying to continue to push for the issues in the 902 talks," he added.

Palacios said they want to make sure that meetings and conversations with their federal counterparts would continue. "We discuss issues with them like labor and immigration. Or the plans by Department of Defense."

"We've met a lot of helpful people in the federal government and they assured us that they are looking into

our concerns—our thoughts on the CWI and military issues. All we can do now is to work hard, communicate and speak about our needs, our desires as citizens of the far-flung islands."

Advisory committee

Demapan also sees positive results in Torres' appointment as co-chair of the Asian Pacific American Islanders Advisory Committee. "We're hoping this is the beginning of a much closer relationship between the federal government, and the CNMI and other territories. Hopefully, it would translate to benefits for us under the

Trump administration."

"It is still very early and we don't know what the Trump administration is going to take in terms of policies related to the CNMI. Since there is an interaction between the President-elect and Gov. Torres, we're hopeful that coming from [the local GOP] there would be more benefits to us," said Demapan.

Demapan, who was re-elected as one of the six representatives of Precinct 1, said he would continue what he started in the 19th Legislature.

"I would maintain my position as an adamant defender and advocate of CNMI's rights. There are a lot of people

who are concerned on some of the federal policies, ranging from militarization, labor, and immigration."

He added that the local GOP also has the numbers in the Legislature, which would place them in a better position to push for their plans and programs of the party. "I will continue to take the position and advocate for the best interests of the CNMI."

"Now that we have a Republican majority—House and Senate—we're in a good position to work closely with the governor's administration and requesting for what we believe is best for the CNMI in terms of federal policy."

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NMC's Cash for College workshop tomorrow

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that aims to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to

obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at the NMC As Ter-

laje campus, Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and before the end of the workshop at 12pm. The

workshop will also be held on NMC's Tinian and Rota on Dec. 3, 2016.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

In addition, those who participate in the workshop will qualify to have their NMC application fee and placement test fees waived for the upcoming Spring

2017 semester. This waiver represents a savings of up to \$75.

Although not required, it is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), three official transcripts, signed 2015 1040 tax form (2015 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes), and/or proof of CNMI residency for 2014 and 2015 (e.g., CNMI 1040 tax form, employment verification from your employer, official transcripts, voters certification, etc.)

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Water service personnel are currently making the

necessary repair, which is anticipated to be completed by 9pm last night. Customers in the affected areas should expect restoration of service soon thereafter; however, if repairs are not completed by then, an update will be sent out.

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Westin Resort, partners commit to share Håfa Adai spirit

On Tuesday, Nov. 15, the Guam Visitors Bureau welcomed the newest Håfa Adai Pledge members to the ever-popular cornerstone of the local community-branding program. The Westin Resort Guam, along with The Westin Resort Guam Royal Beach Club, Taste, Prego, Mix @ ChaChaCha, Westin Starlight Barbecue, Star Privilege management and staff joined tenants Magic Rocks, BonVoyage, Mandara Spa and Harmony Kids in signing the pledge. The ceremony, hosted in The Westin Resort lobby, included cultural performances by Guma Taotao Tano and remarks from Sen. Tina Muna Barnes along with GVB president and CEO Nathan Denight.

"The Håfa Adai Pledge program plays a big part in GVB's efforts to showcase the island's unique culture," said Denight. "The Westin has always been a special place for the island community and the staff here has always been so fantastic in implementing the Håfa Adai spirit on a daily basis. It is great that The Westin Resort Guam put this together and is now part of the Håfa Adai Pledge *familia*. We are excited to see the great things to come and the great impact they will make in the community."

The Westin Resort Guam organized the mass pledge signing as a management initiative to infuse a higher level of local culture, language and hospitality into the everyday interaction with guests, business partners and employees.

"Today is a very important day for our team because we are formally acknowledging our team's collective efforts in sharing the Håfa Adai spirit," said The Westin Resort Guam general manager Harrison Cho. "We have embraced and have shown the Håfa Adai spirit throughout the years to our guests both local residents and visitors alike through our warm



From left, Maeda Hiroko and Sharon Bayot (Harmony Kids, owner and director), Belle Noa (Mandara Spa, spa supervisor), Alexander Miralles (Emerald Marketing Corp/BonVoyage, human resource manager), Telo T. Taitague (Guam Visitors Bureau, vice president), Nate Denight (Guam Visitors Bureau, president/CEO), Harrison Cho (The Westin Resort Guam, general manager), Sen. Tina Muna Barnes (33rd Guam Legislature and Tourism chair), Nabil Murday (Magic Rocks, owner), Kayoko Iwana (The Westin Resort Guam – Royal Beach Club, Welcome Experience manager), Dennis Clemente (Taste, manager), Rosabelle Malones (Prego and Mix @ ChaChaCha, manager), Francis Rosales (Westin Starlight Barbecue, assistant manager) and Audrey Camacho (Star Privilege, program administrator) at the Håfa Adai Pledge ceremony held at The Westin Resort Guam on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016.

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friendly greetings and our care and commitment to our island."

The Westin Resort Guam efforts go beyond the hotel with their team's efforts in doing their part in keeping the island beautiful and clean by taking a proactive approach in sustainability efforts and green projects such as coastal cleanups, recycling and being energy-efficient. Its individual venues, such as the hotel's restaurants Prego, Taste, Mix @ChaChaCha and Westin Starlight Barbecue, do their part in their commitment to buy local in support of the island's farmers and suppliers as well as incorporating Chamorro iconic cuisine in their menus.

The Håfa Adai Pledge

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is the cornerstone of the GVB's local community branding campaign. In its seventh year, the Håfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily in the number of participants as well as the commitment of individual pledges. In March 2016, GVB reached a significant milestone, welcoming its 600th pledge, representing more than 33,000 individuals from private businesses, government agencies, non-profits and other organizations that have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program. (GVB)


Chamber to host career exploration day for high school juniors, seniors

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its "2016 Career Exploration Day" on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. High school juniors and seniors have been invited to register for this event.

Registered students will choose a field of business they are interested in and will be paired with a participating chamber business. This is a unique opportunity that will give students a hands-on experience in the workplace with a chance to "shadow" private-sector business leader for a half day. The chamber hopes that this experience will help students decide what field of work or education they would

like to pursue in the future. Students will be recognized at the Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Hall during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting on Dec. 7 at 12pm.


Interested students will need the following: student application, high school permission form, and student/parental consent form. Forms are due by Nov. 28, 2016, at 5pm. Hard copies can be picked up from the chamber office on the third floor of the Marianas Business Plaza, Suite No. 315. For more information, call the chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (SCC)




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Leave divisive narratives behind us now

Occasionally, in the space of political discourse, convenient narratives replace actual facts, especially in sensitive times with emotionally charged subject matter. Sometimes the narrative overtakes the truth.

A popular narrative in American media today is that Donald Trump won the presidency because those who voted for him are racist, sexist, homophobic bigots. But the facts tell a different story.

Even hard left-leaning documentarian Michael Moore recognized this when on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" he said: "You have to accept that millions of people who voted for Barack Obama, some of them once, some of them twice, changed their minds this time."

"They're not racist. They twice voted for a man whose middle name is Hussein," he added. "That's the America you live in."

The lesson: The somber history of racism in America shouldn't be tossed around lightly as a shortcut to explain complex election results that don't fit the popular narrative. Remember, these same media pundits who just days before the election predicted the glorious, landslide victory for Hillary Clinton, now believe half of the American electorate voted because of prejudice.

Simply put: It wasn't racism that won Donald Trump the election. Clinton was not able to motivate the Obama coalition to come out and vote for her campaign.

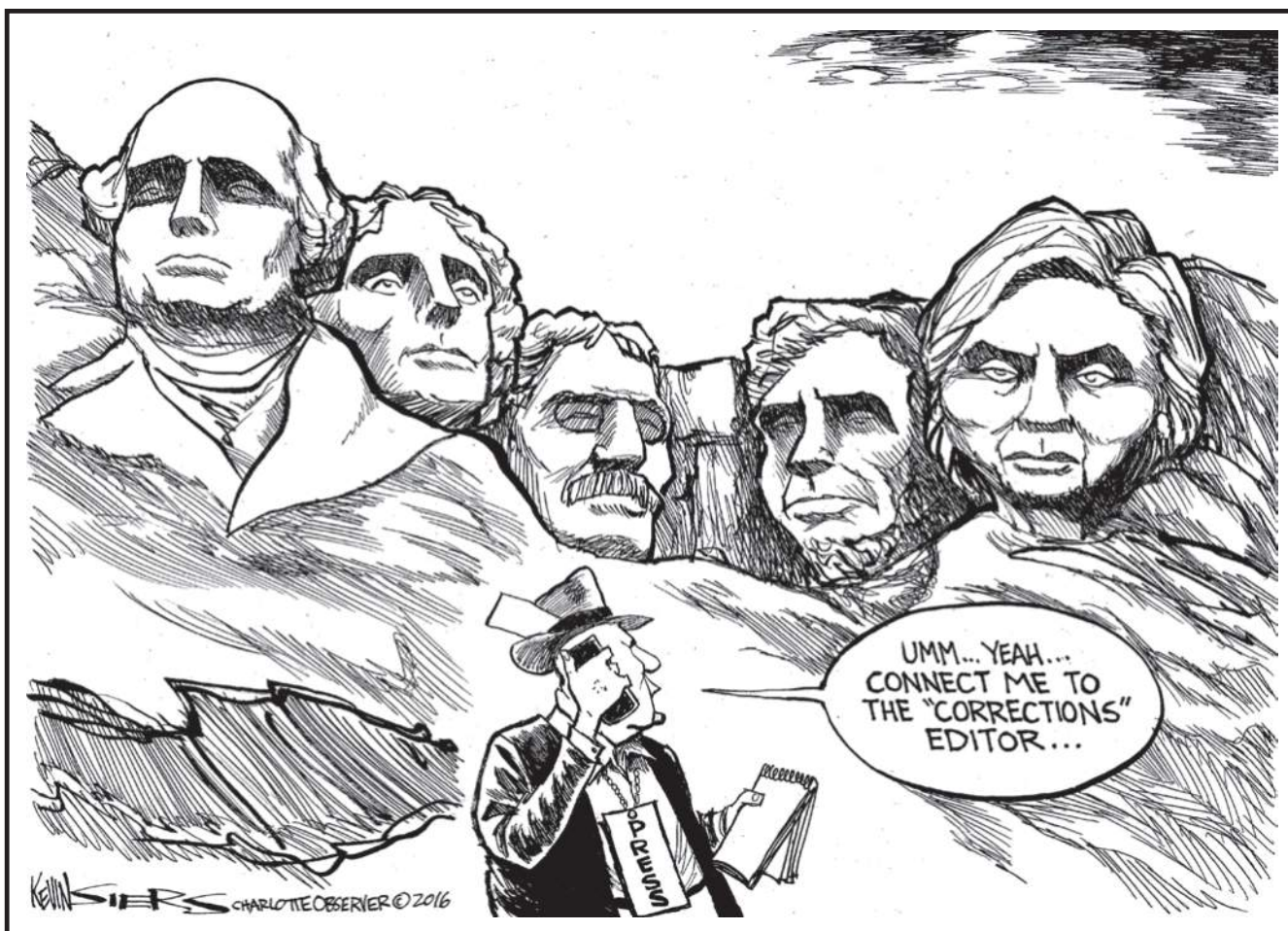
There are many statistics that illustrate this fact, but let's look at just one reliably Democratic voting bloc: labor union members. Only 56 percent of labor union members voted for the Clinton campaign, compared to 65 percent who voted for Obama in 2012. That alone tells the story. Even the AFL-CIO union president Richard Trumka released a statement after the election saying voters had issued "an indictment of politics as usual."

Voters came out to vote for something other than the status quo. Life on America's coasts is very different than for those in other parts of the country, particularly the Rust Belt. The economy isn't working for a lot of people and many wanted something different than what is currently being offered in D.C.

That's not meant in any way to diminish the feelings of concern or fear among many minority communities or to suggest that racism does not exist in America. America most certainly has a racial divide to address—one that has been on full display the last few years even before the presidential election—but generalizing and fueling the racial divide does not bring us closer together; it only perpetuates racial tension and fear.

President-elect Trump himself must take the lead to help bring the country together and quell tension. In fact, on "60 Minutes" Sunday night, CBS News correspondent Lesley Stahl asked Trump if he had anything to say to people who

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Finding an ancient trail

By ED STEPHENS
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

A flight between China and Saipan takes about four hours. Today we'll take a journey that spans about 3,000 years, back to when an ancient work called the I Ching was compiled. I mentioned this trail in my July 22 column, "East meets West and Leibniz."

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1642-1727) was a German mathematician. History has stuffed him in Isaac Newton's shadow, but I thought Leibniz deserved more than a mere flicker of attention. He's a bedrock of that great Western invention, calculus, but some of his observations had a distinctly Eastern perspective.

Among his possessions was a diagram from the I Ching. If you take a look at a Korean flag, which isn't hard to do on Saipan, you'll notice four three-lined arrangements around the center of the flag. These "trigrams" are rooted in ancient Chinese symbology, and, when stacked up into six-line "hexagrams," they are the basis of the I Ching.

Intrigued? I was. So I started looking for a book on the I Ching.

At this point, another German enters the picture, one Richard Wilhelm (1873-1930). Herr Wilhelm lived in China for a span of years. Wilhelm translated the Chinese I Ching into German, the German was translated into English by Cary Baynes, and this Chinese-to-German-to-English tome was published by the Princeton University Press.

The Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung (1875-1961) wrote a foreword to the book. Herr Doktor Jung and Wilhelm were apparently pals.

Jung is still a household name, well, depending on the household, I guess. His foreword to Wilhelm's I Ching was not the only material Jung wrote about Chinese philosophy. One such book that Jung wrote is titled *Synchronicity: An Acausal Connecting Principle*. It's also published by Princeton University Press. I had an opportunity to thumb through the book earlier this week, but I don't know if I'll get around to reading it.

Anyway, with names like Jung and Leibniz in the fan club, it's safe to say that the I Ching has real star power in the West.

Me, I'm no luminary, I'm just a slob in a beach chair, so anything that I say about the I Ching is utterly non-scholarly.

The I Ching was a method of "divination," which is a fancy word for fortune-telling. But it looks to me like the I Ching really dispenses advice for specific contexts, as opposed to spitting

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out blind prognostications like a machine at a carnival. Although you arrive at the contexts via a random walk (by, for example, flipping coins), the analysis of the contexts has a lot of old-school wisdom. For me, that's where the juice is.

I'll pick a random example: the context of a traveler or wanderer. Many people on Saipan have worked afield, so that's a good situation to consider.

So here's some I Ching advice: "If the wanderer busies himself with trivial things, he draws down misfortune upon himself."

Wilhelm expounds on this, explaining that a wanderer should be humble and should avoid jokes and buffoonery, which will lead to being regarded with contempt. I think we've all seen examples of this, where travelers think they're more clever than they really are, and, while the locals might politely smile at the loudmouth from afar,

things aren't so rosy under this calm surface.

Anyway, that sort of context, and the wisdom that's attached to it, gives you a sense of what I'll call the I Ching's output. I find these tidbits of wisdom, and Wilhelm's explanations, very interesting and highly practical.

As for the methods used to generate the output, well, that gets esoteric and you could probably invest an entire career studying that stuff. It's rooted in the nature of natural elements (mountains, thunder, etc.) and how they interact with each other. These are what's depicted in the hexagrams.

I'm still working my way through Wilhelm's book. I'm also trying to find an expert to help me answer a few questions I have about the subject, so I'll just have to see how that goes.

In the meantime, all I wanted to do today is just mention the book and some of the names and ideas associated with it. I have no idea if I'll ever have anything more substantial to say about it.

It's sure an interesting trail, though, which connects the ancient Chinese wisdom to Germans like Leibniz and Wilhelm, to Dr. Jung in Switzerland, to the Korean flags that you can see on Saipan, and to the thoughts that entertain a guy who's sitting in a beach chair.

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Better late than never

By JAMES SHARPE

SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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Second of a three-part series

Besides classroom instruction, the indoctrination has been taken directly to the mine sites, where MSHA inspectors have been conducting Compliance Assistance Visits, CAVs. During a CAV, an inspector writes citations for alleged violations, just as he or she would during a normal inspection, but no fines are assessed. There is a distinct training component to the exercise, as many inspectors offer explanations on the spot for why he or she believes a condition is hazardous and thus a potential violation.

According to MSHA's Data Retrieval System and information we received through a Freedom of Information Act request, the agency has conducted 35 CAVs in the territories through Nov. 9. Five CNMI mines received CAVs last May. From March through September, 10 of 14 mines in Guam were CAVed, while during the same time period seven of eight mines in American Samoa were visited. We should note that the DRS listings appear to be a work in progress, as only seven mines in Samoa were listed there, yet an eighth that was associated with two different identification numbers showed up among Samoan mines given us through our FOIA submittal. For the CNMI, just one mine appeared in the DRS versus five through the FOIA initiative; for Guam, 11 of 14 mines appeared in MSHA's computerized database.

While the mock enforcement exercises surely will aid operators

by revealing shortcomings in their safety programs, training and processes, they could also open up the agency to charges of unfairness. Three mines received their first-ever CAV visits in September, just over six months before the hammer drops on them next April. In contrast, nine mines were first visited in March, giving them a six-month head start over their presumptive competition.

Perhaps more troubling, inspectors visited some mines multiple times. Four mines in Guam received two CAVs. The mines are Hawaiian Rock Products' Fidian, JMC Equipment Rental's JMC, and eponymous operations run by Primet Rock and Smithbridge Guam. CTC Construction's CTC#1 Mine in American Samoa was also visited twice, while three other operations in Samoa got an astounding three CAVs: McConnell Dowell's quarry, Paramount Builder's paramount crusher and Samoa Maritime's Faga'Alu Mine. In many cases, MSHA justified the multiple visits by noting that they were done under different owners, but one has to wonder how much could really have changed on the ground even under new ownership.

Main's observation about the "primitive" mining environment certainly holds up from the many deficiencies noted on the CAV paperwork. From our FOIA request came information about 14 CAVs (we asked for all such encounters from Jan. 1, 2015, through Sept. 9, 2016, but received 10 fewer CAVs than were actually done during this period). Numerous alleged deficiencies regarding guarding, mobile equipment, electrical hazards, failure to perform mandatory examinations and the like were reminiscent of deplorable conditions at some U.S. metal/nonmetal mines in the second half of the 20th century.

For instance, at one CNMI mine, 68 CAV notices were written; at another, 60. At a third CNMI mine, where 54 CAV notices were prepared, the inspector wrote, "Moving machine parts are not guarded. Electrical problems throughout. Mobile equipment has numerous defects, including brake issues. Lack of ROPS identification tags and lack of seatbelts. 10 miners have

not received their complete part 46 training but all went through OSHA required training. PPE is provided and observed being worn. Fall protection was located lying on the ground at shop area. Attempt safety talk with the miners. Unknown if they know English very well."

At this same location, the inspector observed a miner killing the engine of a front-end loader by cutting off its fuel after reaching into the engine compartment from the rear of the vehicle because the fuel shutoff switch in the cab was nonfunctional. To one photo of a machine he added this tagline: "CAT 950 front end loader believe homemade ROPS."

At a Samoan operation, 54 CAV notices included, but were not limited to, the following:

- n broken window and broken, deteriorated chairs, ladders and metal structures
- n missing electrical cover plates
- n lack of fall protection when working near the edge of the highwall
- n no fire extinguisher during welding
- n opening in the floor of the crusher work platform

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form

- n no hazard communication program, training plan, competent person or workplace examination system
- n lack of continuity and resistance testing of the electrical grounding system

At many sites, the number of CAV notices would have been higher, but the inspector grouped them into categories; i.e., guarding, electrical, mobile equipment, etc.

To be continued

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Election: Was it naiveté?

There was a sense of confidence in the much-expected shift in the political landscape. The views of villagers were the scaffold of expressions. It was the voice I relied upon to advocate change in the recent midterm election.

But something didn't quite pan out as expressed. It triggers a sense of suspicion if the election was founded on the true sentiments of the disenchanted or was it a victory for the "we few" corporate denizens successfully manipulating the electorate? Not ready as yet to accept the results at face value. Something's amiss here! Furthermore, something's just popped that confirms my suspicion.

The issue has caught fire and has started gutting everything in its way. Nah! Don't use your loose change against our dignity! We are a people of conscience!

I raise the issue in that the 61 percent low voter turnout isn't representative of the voice of the disenchanted for Republicans to claim a clear mandate other than what a blogger dubbed as "statistical fluke." Appalling the manipulative role of oligarchs—rich businessmen with strong political influence—forcing their will against "we the people."

We also find PR types in the administration spouting victory emanating from an "improving economy." Really? Did it trickle down to real-time family income? Let's see you use your assertion to raise the minimum wage here upwards of \$15 an hour. In fact, you should be able to even push and implement "real wages" for the islands, sayu?

What does real wage entail? Simple: Every family must have a home, a family car, and sufficient disposable income

for other needs.

But then even more perplexing is the GOP's dropped jaws over its own victory. Goes to show its woefully tenuous grip on fate before the final tally. What interesting tale, right?

How would it dispose of issues that matter? Will it succumb to inertia to settle for politics over doing the right things by doing them right? Would there be coherence on policies or another full-blown round of half-cocked measures? A misstep flames out your career instantly!

Grassroots: Reminds one why Trump became the 45th President of our country. From the outset, he saw the angst of working but displaced Americans or "deplorable" that felt betrayed by the Washington establishment and wealthy institutions that think they know better but have failed. He took their expressions to heart and kept it there to the bitter end. He never changed his narrative, calling a spade a spade, nailing Clinton consistently.

No wonder he resonated well with 80 percent of working Americans! And they jointly decided to "drain the swamp" for once in their lifetime! The joint effort captured the return of "government of the people, for the people and by the people" so help us ensure the swamp is drained! This sentiment has caught fire locally too. Should be an interesting issue as it evolves!

The phenomenon is a global phenomenon and would eventually wash up on our shores, if not already. The process, slow as it may be, has begun to the extent here manipulative corporate denizens would be shown, not the door, but jetways and boats leaving the airport and harbor. It turns into a personal agenda where we must return "government of the people, for the people and by the people" to its rightful place.

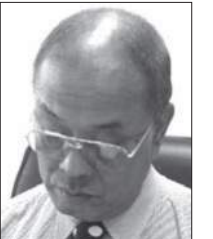
Deplorables: Bribery does strange things even to people I once trusted. I remember money sandwiched between pages of a newspaper handed to an anti-casino advocate in 1979. All he said was "Thank you, *lai*", grabbed the newspaper and disappeared. And he's still in government today, flashing a straight face. I get tummy chuckles of disbelief whenever we meet! He should be on the top five of Who's Who Among Deplorables!

Largest employer

Over the years, private industry employees have eyed jobs in the public sector because of the retirement program and the benefit of built-in relaxation where you don't have to justify your loot. I mean where would you find spending an entire day at a coffee

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shop then clock in at 4:30pm to work overtime?

I've worked in the private sector for more than a decade. Either you work the clock to earn your dues full square or you're history. This sector is in the business of turning in a profit at day's end. Government isn't! Herein lies the difference. Yet by design the productive sector feeds the drone public sector.

Appalling the lack of scrutiny whether the NMI government needs some 3,000-4,000 employees? Need taxpayers be saddled with political excess?

What is the cumulative deficit of the NMI? Isn't it true it's over a billion dollars? And we still have this many drone government employees collecting loot at our expense?

Tribute: I humbly pay tribute to my former catechism teacher Sr. Mary Louis Balzarini who passed away recently. It was her interest in my future that made her a close teacher at heart. In bad battered days her wise counsel was my sturdy hope of inspiration and foundation.

She strongly recommended that I matriculate at Mt. Carmel High School. Later, I explained that my parents couldn't afford the MCS tuition. She was sad of the tidings. Dad's monthly income then was around \$20 per month. Paying for my tuition would be difficult for the rest of my siblings. But I know I've been in her prayers since.

She encouraged me to stay focused on education and professional career opportunities. Ever grateful for her sinking that much needed spiritual anchor I held for life. May your journey home be a joyful one as the choir of angels greet, sing and escort you into that everlasting peace and tranquility beyond the colorful rainbow upstairs. My love and prayers and *si yuus maase* Sr. Mary Louis!

LEAVE

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supported him who were harassing minorities, to which he answered: "I would say don't do it, that's terrible, 'cause I'm going to bring this country together." He looked into the camera and said, "Stop it."

Campaign season is over as are the attack ads, the debates and the polling. It's time we leave the convenient, divisive political narratives behind us too.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.

▲89° ▼79°

SATURDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.

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SUNDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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MONDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

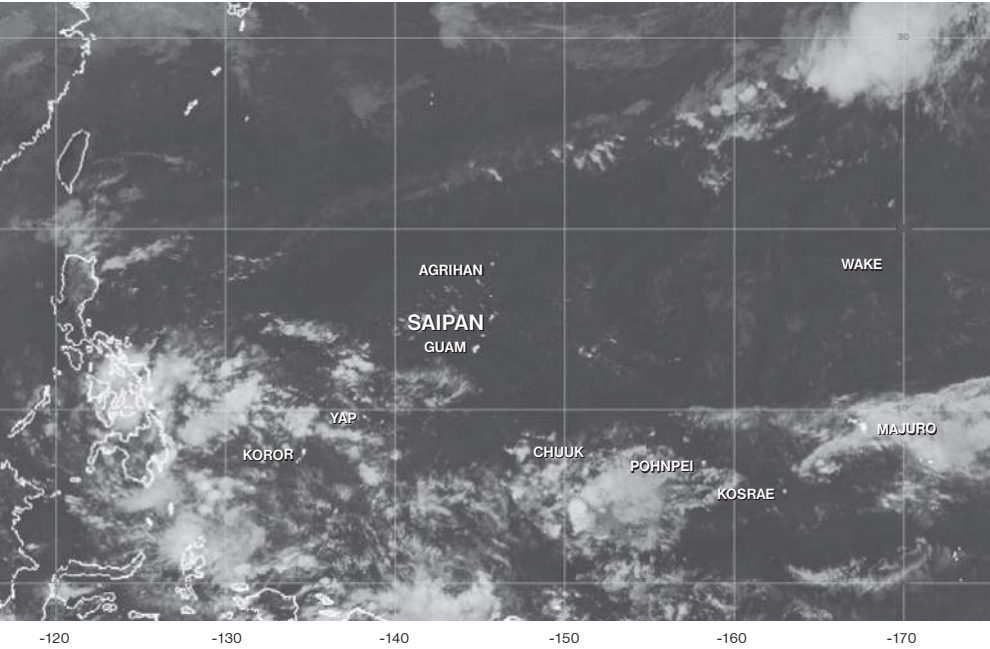
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TUESDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:30 AM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2016
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Radar and satellite show isolated showers across the Marianas this morning. A few thunderstorms were observed before midnight. A surface trough passing through the region is now west of the Marianas. Moderate trades and combined seas around 5 to 6 feet are seen across the coastal waters.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲		
Guam and Rota	Partly cloudy	83 / 89 °F
Palau	Partly cloudy	81 / 87 °F
Yap	Morning clouds	80 / 89 °F
Chuuk	Partly cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Heavy rain	79 / 82 °F
Kosrae	Afternoon clouds	82 / 86 °F
Majuro	Mostly cloudy	81 / 84 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲		
Auckland	Morning clouds	53 / 62 °F
Beijing	Partly cloudy	38 / 50 °F
Hong Kong	Sunny	74 / 79 °F
Honolulu	Mostly sunny	72 / 80 °F
London	Morning clouds	40 / 46 °F
Los Angeles	Sunny	50 / 74 °F
Manila	Morning clouds	80 / 92 °F
Melbourne	Partly cloudy	54 / 66 °F
Miami	Partly cloudy	70 / 78 °F
New York	Sunny	44 / 61 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	41 / 65 °F
Paris	Mostly cloudy	45 / 53 °F
Pusan	Mostly cloudy	48 / 67 °F
Rome	Broken clouds	54 / 65 °F
Salem	High level clouds	38 / 51 °F
San Francisco	Partly sunny	50 / 65 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	36 / 61 °F
Tokyo	Mostly sunny	42 / 58 °F
Washington, DC	Mostly sunny	38 / 67 °F

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
4:12 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.55 Feet
11:14 AM	HIGH TIDE	2.04 Feet
4:56 PM	LOW TIDE	1.12 Feet
9:37 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Sunday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM
Monday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM
Tuesday	6:22 AM	5:44 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	9:33 PM	9:46 AM
Saturday	10:31 PM	10:42 AM
Sunday	11:27 PM	11:33 AM
Monday	-	12:19 PM
Tuesday	12:20 AM	1:02 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM				

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN		
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SAIPAN TO ROTA		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

‘Thank you and congratulations!’

Eighty golfers participated in 18 holes of double Peoria golf at the Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort’s west course, successfully raising funds for the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its Resource and Collection Department, Circulation Materials, and Library Programs.

The Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library hosted the 2nd Annual Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser in beautiful Kagman, Saipan, on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016. Over \$10,000 was raised to support our CNMI state library and its affiliated Resource and Collections Department, Circulation Materials, and Library Programs.

The mission of the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is to promote the continued existence and effectiveness of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library to the community; to promote the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library as a vital informational, cultural, education, and recreational asset to the CNMI; and to raise funds when possible to supplement special items that are not provided by the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library budget. Our vision is to promote understanding and appreciation of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and its affiliated libraries where everyone enjoys, uses, and supports our CNMI State Library.

“2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the Joeten-Kiyu

Public Library, and as we continue to work on raising awareness about the importance of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the Rota Public Library, and the Tinian Public Library to the CNMI, fundraisers such as this—sponsored by Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library—greatly assist our CNMI state library. We wish to thank you all for your tremendous support here today!” said acting director Erlinda Naputi.

It is such an honor to host members of the Saipan Golf Association, the Korean Golf Association Marianas Golf Association, the Refaluwasch Golf Association, the Amigos Golf Association, and Exclusive Golf Association and three professional golf players who flew in from Guam to compete in our event! Thank you to our supporters and most especially our Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, our amazing corporate sponsors, Imperial Pacific International, Ltd., the Joeten Dai Dai Foundation, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc., Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, GREE Air Conditioning, Kilili for U.S. Congress, Triple J, MARPAC, Pacific Trading Co., Ltd., MegaByte, J’s Restaurant, Kanoa Resort, T-Galleria DFS Saipan, and Carpet Masters; Golf Committee members, Library Council, volunteers, Gov. Ralph Tor-

res, Rep. John Paul Sablan, and legislators for supporting our CNMI state library. We couldn’t have done it without you all!

We are very fortunate to be able to host our tournament and lunch banquet on the island’s premier golf course, Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort, and to work with their professional team. We have 80 golfers in participation—that’s nearly double of what we have achieved during our 1st golf tournament fundraiser more than four years ago. We have over 12 corporate sponsors, pledging monies, donations, contributions, manpower, and support in ensuring this event be an overall success. For those of you who have never participated in our first golf tournament fundraiser, you are in for a real treat and those returning golf players, we welcome you back.

Following the success of the tournament, Naputi further said, “The 2nd Annual Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser was a huge success! The weather was perfect! The Lao Lao Bay golf course was in spectacular condition, and we are already looking forward to planning our 3rd Annual Joeten-Kiyu Golf Tournament Fundraiser.”

Tournament participants also enjoyed a variety of optional play/ side bet competition in addition to the 18 holes of double Peoria. Activities included closest to the hole (KP) #3, KP # 7, KP #13, and KP #17. KPs were sponsored by Triple J and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan. The longest drive Hole No. 10 was sponsored by GREE Air Conditioning. All winners of these

side games each received a \$200 cash prizes. Moreover, \$5,000 cash prize sponsored by Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and a brand new car 2016 Kia Rio EX sponsored by the Joeten Dai Dai Foundation was up for grabs in the hole-in-one competition. Unfortunately, there were no winners for the hole-in-one \$5,000 cash prize sponsored by Pacifica Insurance Underwriters, Inc. and brand new 2016 Kia Rio EX sponsored by the Joeten Dai Dai Foundation.

Immediately following the

golf tournament, a beautiful outdoor banquet and awards ceremony was held at Lao Lao Bay’s driving range with raffle prizes galore.

On behalf of the Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, we extend our thanks and appreciation to the many individuals, organizations and businesses who have contributed to the success of our 2nd Annual Joeten-Kiyu Public Library Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

We hope you all enjoyed your time with us. Now, we look forward to seeing all of

you at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library’s 25th Anniversary Dinner Fundraiser scheduled for Dec. 19 at the Pacific Islands Club. Tickets are \$50 and if you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, please call us at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library at 235-7323/235-7316. All proceeds will be going to the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library’s much needed Resource and Collection Department, Circulation Materials, and Library Programs.

Friends of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library

Thank you for the support

The Northern Marianas Bodybuilding & Physique Federation will be sending two persons to represent the Commonwealth at the WBP World Bodybuilding Championships, which will be held in Pattaya City, Thailand, on Nov. 29 to Dec. 5, 2016. The official CNMI representatives will be Jocelyn Itibus as delegate and Enrico Valdez as competitor.

As a final fundraiser prior to their leaving for the competition, a raffle was held with the drawing held on Nov. 15, 2016. The federation would like to sincerely thank all of those who participated by purchasing the raffle tickets and especially the following who so generously donated raffle prizes: Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Pacific Islands Club, McDonald’s, Hyatt Regency Resort, and Bestseller.

Plans are being made for bodybuilding competitions to be held in 2017. We look forward to your continuing support of the sport of bodybuilding in the Commonwealth as well as in international events.

If you would like to know

more about the NMBPF and its plans for future events, or if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for these events and the sport of bodybuilding, please contact John H. Davis, at (670)789-9211 or by email at johnhdavisjr@gmail.

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'Pornified culture' contributing to violence vs women



Royal Solomon Islands Constabulary's Sgt. Mary Ake and Kiribati Police Service's Constable Lilly Pine and other colleagues during the FWCC-AFP Police Regional Training in Nadi, Fiji.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NADI, Fiji—Pornography and the portrayal of women in the media both contribute to perpetuating violence against women and the oppression of women.

The topic was the subject of discussion among police officers from around the Pacific who are attending a training program on gender, violence against women and laws related to gender-based violence.

The Fiji Women's Crisis Center conducted the Police Regional Training Program for 30 officers from 11 countries with funding from the Australian Federal Police.

Ofa Guttenbeil-Likiliki of the Tonga Women and Children's Crisis Center led a discussion of the impacts of pornography and the media on women. In her presentation, Guttenbeil-Likiliki likened the problem of pornography to a "silent epidemic" because of its secretive nature.

Unlike other addictions

such as alcoholism or illegal drug use, people generally will not acknowledge a pornography addiction.

Technology and the advent of the Internet has assisted in the widespread availability of pornography and developed a "pornified culture" in which people have become desensitized to sexualized and graphic images in which women are sex objects, the officers heard. "Pornography is bigger than any of the major league sports, bigger than Hollywood," said Guttenbeil-Likiliki says. "Porn is no longer a sideshow to the mainstream; it is the mainstream."

Men are the most common users of pornography and often find themselves enslaved to it. Pornography objectifies women and creates unrealistic expectations of performance for men who often have no personal connection with the women in those images.

Pornography is related to male domination and the exercise of power and control by men. Often women are expected to perform degrading acts against their will by men who are users of pornography. Children are also exposed deliberately or inadvertently to pornography, leading to a generation of

early users and addicts, further perpetuating a culture of violence against women.

Pornography addiction damages relationships, marriages, families, careers, and faith-based beliefs, the officers heard.

Related to the problem of pornography is that of how women are portrayed in the media, which plays a big role on body image and how people perceive the "perfect body image."

The media's portrayal of women has put pressure on young women to conform to these perceived standards of beauty and performance. This also includes the "domestication of women" in which advertisements for products or services are targeted specifically at women reiterating the gender stereotypes that a woman's place is in the home, in the kitchen doing domestic duties or when women's bodies are used as sex objects to sell products.

The officers also underwent sensitization sessions on LG-BTQ issues and women with disabilities and their experiences of violence.

The two-week workshop ends today, Nov. 18, with the graduation of the 30 officers. (PR)



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PUBLIC NOTICE

CUC Office Hours During Thanksgiving Holiday Period

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) would like to inform the general public of its office hours on November 23-25, 2016, as follows:

Wednesday, November 23, 2016

CUC Customer Center:

Open all day for payments and purchase of prepaid meter tokens (load) only.

All Other Offices:

Closed at 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 24, 2016 (Thanksgiving Day) CLOSED

Friday, November 25, 2016 CLOSED

Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 28, 2016. For emergencies, please contact the CUC Call Center at 664-4282 (4CUC).



Northern Marianas Humanities Council

Navigating the Human Experience

Vacancy Announcement

Board of Directors

Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce two vacancies on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Frankie M. Eliptico, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, 30 November 2016**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

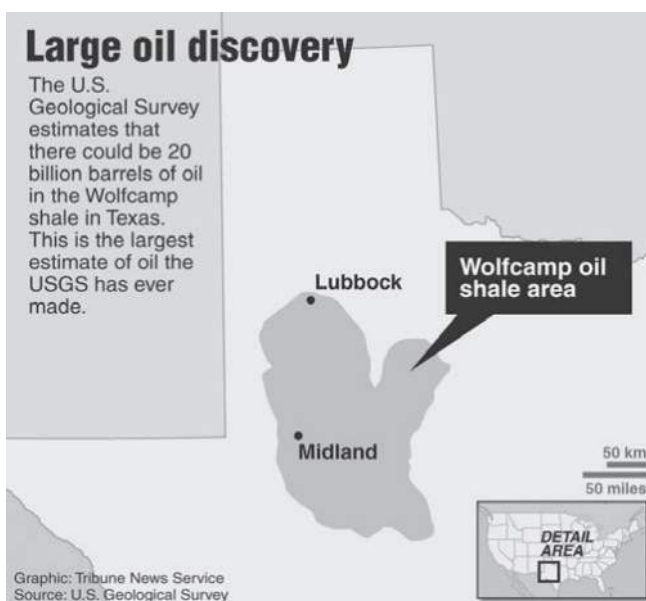
Business

Vast shale oil field in Texas could yield 20 billion barrels

DALLAS (AP)—A vast field of shale rock in West Texas could yield 20 billion barrels of oil, making it the largest source of shale oil the U.S. Geological Survey has ever assessed, agency officials said. The Wolfcamp Shale geo-

logic formation in the Midland area also contains an estimated 16 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 1.6 billion barrels of natural gas liquids, the agency said in a release.

The discovery is nearly three times larger than the



considered unconventional compared to other oil found in the ground because extracting it requires advanced drilling or recovery methods, such as hydraulic fracturing.

The Wolfcamp Shale is part of the sweeping and energy-rich Permian Basin, which includes a series of basins and other geologic formations in West Texas and southern New Mexico. It's one of the most productive oil and gas regions in the U.S.

Ken Medlock, director of an energy-studies program at Rice University in Houston, said it seems "likely that we're seeing the birth of a new Permian Basin." The advent of horizontal drilling, hydraulic fracturing and other advancements will allow for the removal of shale oil at a volume

that will make the basin "the dominant onshore platform for oil production," he said.

Schenk said it's been known for years that the region could yield new bountiful oil production, but it took the U.S. Geological Survey time to assess the Wolfcamp Shale and estimate the volume of that production.

"We think the potential is there for the future, and it's not going to be realized overnight," he said.

The release issued by the Geological Survey on Tuesday hints at the resurgence the oil and gas industry likely will see in Texas in the coming years following a downturn during which energy prices tumbled and tens of thousands of jobs were lost.

Twitter suspends several alt-right accounts

NEW YORK (AP)—Twitter has suspended the accounts of several prominent members of the so-called "alt-right" in an apparent crack down on accounts tied to hate speech or threats of violence.

Twitter declined comment, but noted that its policies forbid violent threats, hate speech or harassment and promise to take action against violators. The company also announced Tuesday that it was expanding ways for users to report harassment and curb the amount of abuse they see, a reaction to a growing problem of abuse, bullying and harassment on the internet.

The alt-right, short for "alternative right," is a loose group espousing a provocative and reactionary strain of conservatism. It's often associated with far right efforts to preserve "white identity," oppose multiculturalism and defend "Western values."

The movement drew national attention during the presidential campaign, especially after Stephen Bannon

of the Breitbart website, considered by many to be the alt-right's platform, joined Donald Trump's campaign. Trump recently named Bannon as the White House chief strategist.

THE ALT-RIGHT FEELS WRONGED

Richard Spencer, head of the National Policy Institute, a white nationalist think tank, said in an interview that his personal Twitter account and accounts for the institute and his magazine were all suspended this week without notification.

Spencer, who is credited with popularizing the term "alt-right," says he has never called for violence and hasn't tweeted anything recently that might provoke a suspension. He called the suspensions a coordinated attack against users with certain viewpoints.

While he acknowledged that Twitter is a company and has a right to do as it pleases, he says it also needs to accept that it has evolved into something bigger and needs to act accordingly.

shale oil found in 2013 in the Bakken and Three Forks formations in the Dakotas and Montana, said Chris Schenk, a

Denver-based research geologist for the agency.

Geologists explain that oil recovered from shale rock is

'Tangled web': Trump's businesses could create conflicts

NEW YORK (AP)—Asked on TV earlier this year whether a President Donald Trump would ever mix politics with business, his eldest son, Donald Jr., said there was no risk of that. The son, an executive in his father's company, insisted the two wouldn't discuss the business if Dad ever got to the White House.

Then Donald Jr. added two words: "Trust me."

The American people may have little choice.

The tradition stretching back to Jimmy Carter in the late 1970s is for presidents to put personal holdings such as stocks into a "blind trust" run

by an independent trustee with no ties to the occupant of the Oval Office. But as with so many other areas of politics, Trump looks ready to upend this time-honored practice.

Trump's plans to hand control of his Trump Organization to three of his adult children and not a trustee cannot be considered a blind trust, said Kenneth Gross, head of political law at the firm Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

Even if the president-elect were to appoint a trustee with no family ties, that would probably not remove the potential for Trump to use his new pow-

er over policy to enrich himself. Liquidating Trump's holdings would be difficult, and so he would always be aware of what assets he holds.


Voters have long worried about elected officials using their power to line their pockets—or those of business partners—and shape policies to advance their private interests. But rarely has an incoming president represented such potential for conflicts of interest.

No previous commander in chief has brought with him such a sprawling business empire with so much complexity, opaqueness and opportunity


for self-dealing.

Trump owns golf clubs, office towers and other properties in several countries. He holds ownership stakes in more than 500 companies. He has struck licensing deals for use of his name on hotels and other buildings around the world and has been landing new business in even more countries—in the Middle East, India and South America.

Gross calls Trump's holdings "unprecedented" in size and complexity for a president, a "tangled web" of potential conflicts that would be difficult to unravel.



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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on **Monday, November 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM** at the Office of the Mayor of Rota.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of November 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION

- Rota-DPW Coral Quarry Pit
CRM Permit Application No. RMS-2016-X-086
 - Project Introduction
 - Discussion by CRM Agency Officials and DCRM Director
 - Permit Application Status

III. OTHER MATTERS


- Review of Proposed DCRM Regulation Updates

IV. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ **FRANCES A. CASTRO**
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Nation

Trump: No transition turmoil, efforts going 'so smoothly'

NEW YORK (AP)—President-elect Donald Trump and his team on Wednesday vigorously rejected charges of turmoil and infighting roiling efforts to set up his White House, national security and economic teams. A week after his upset victory, Trump said the enormous endeavor was proceeding “so smoothly.”

Trump dished out his rebuttal on Twitter, spending yet another day ensconced in his New York skyscraper, beyond the public eye. Aides and allies vouched for the transition efforts on his behalf, suggesting some commotion was to be expected.

“The beginning of any transition like this has turmoil because it’s just the nature of the process,” former House Speaker Newt Gingrich said as he left Trump’s transition headquarters in Washington. He said the picture of Trump’s administration would become clearer over the next two or three weeks.

Others close to the transition process described ad-



visers “fighting for power.” Trump has long stoked internal rivalries among his staff — both in his businesses and his campaign — and has created ambiguity in his transition about who has authority to make key decisions.

Eric Trump, one of the

president-elect’s sons, raised expectations of imminent progress Wednesday, telling reporters in the morning that appointments were “likely” to come during the day. Then, other Trump aides suggested a slower pace.

“We’re not going to rush to

put names forward until we’re absolutely sure,” Trump spokesman Jason Miller said hours later. “We’re going to make sure that they’re people we’re confident will pass confirmation and we think can implement the president-elect’s vision.”

College students protest Donald Trump's deportation plans

By **CAROLYN THOMPSON**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

College students at campuses around the United States marched and rallied Wednesday, urging administrators to protect students and employees against immigration action under a Donald Trump presidency.

Rallying supporters on social media with the hashtag #SanctuaryCampus, organizers said actions were planned at more than 80 schools, including Vermont’s Middlebury College, where about 400 people gathered, and Yale University, where demonstrators numbered about 600.

Students sought assurances

that their schools would not share their personal information with immigration officials or allow Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents on campus.

“Can you imagine the fear that it would inflict on college campuses if having ICE agents walk into a campus becomes the status quo?” organizer Carlos Rojas of the group Movimiento Cosecha, said by phone from New Jersey. “It would be terrifying.”

The actions continued days of demonstrations that have broken out in cities and high school campuses following Trump’s election victory last week. The Republican’s campaign prom-

ises included a vow to deport millions of people who are in the U.S. illegally.

“I’m very fearful,” Miriam Zamudio, whose parents brought her to the U.S. from Mexico as a child, said by phone as she prepared to join a protest at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

She worries that the family information she provided on her application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status will endanger her parents, who are living in the country without legal permission.

“We don’t know what Trump is going to do,” Zamudio said. “We don’t know if he is going to demand this

information, and we want our administration and our school to stand with us.”

Several hundred people, mainly high school and college students, rallied at the federal building in downtown San Diego to protest Trump’s election. Some held signs or banners saying “we are not criminals” and “make racists afraid again.” An 18-year-old was arrested after he allegedly punched a police officer, police said.

Faculty and staff at several universities have signed petitions in support of making their campuses sanctuaries for people threatened with deportation—or anyone who faces discrimination.

Clinton reflects on loss, urges backers to ‘stay engaged’

WASHINGTON (AP)—Hillary Clinton reflected on her devastating defeat on Wednesday evening, acknowledging the difficulty of her loss for her supporters and urging them to persevere through the Donald Trump era.

In remarks that were equal parts pep talk and funeral dirge, Clinton encouraged her backers to “never, ever give up.”

“I know this isn’t easy. I know that over the past week a lot of people have asked themselves whether America is the country we thought it was,” Clinton said at the annual gala of the Children’s Defense Fund, the child advocacy organization where she started

her legal career. “But please listen to me when I say this: America is worth it.”

She added: “It’s up to each and every one of us to keep working to make America better and stronger and fairer.”

Clinton never cited the president-elect by name in her remarks, making only an oblique reference to the controversial policies that fueled his rise to the White House.

Instead, she focused on the future, asking her backers to “stay engaged on every level.”

“We need you. America needs your energy,” she said.

Clinton’s surprising loss threw her party into a pe-

riod of intense soul-searching, with an ascendant liberal wing blaming Clinton’s campaign for failing to embrace a more populist economic message. In private calls with donors and Democratic officials, Clinton has largely attributed her defeat to the decision by the FBI to reexamine her use of a private server as secretary of state.

In her remarks, Clinton offered no accounting for any failures she may have made during her presidential campaign, though she admitted that the past week hasn’t been easy.

“There have been a few times this past week when all I wanted to do was just to curl

up with a good book or our dogs and never leave the house again,” she ruefully admitted.

She chose friendly ground to make her first public appearance since her emotional concession speech in New York City last Wednesday. Her first job out of law school in the 1970s was for Children’s Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman. She later became a staff attorney and chairman of the group’s board.

Throughout her campaign, she cited her work for the group as her “north star,” sparking her interest in standing up against injustice toward children and families.

AP
New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio arrives at Trump Tower, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, in New York.

Trump’s team noted that President Barack Obama waited until a few weeks after the 2008 election to announce many of his Cabinet appointments.

And former Michigan Rep. Pete Hoekstra, who has informally advised members of Trump’s national security team, blamed Trump’s detractors for the reports of drama.

“When you’re doing a transition that is trying to push the kind of change that Mr. Trump wants to be doing, it’s going to be even harder,” said Hoekstra, a former House Intelligence Committee chairman.

The incoming Republican

administration also got a boost of support from outgoing Vice President Joe Biden, who met with his successor, Mike Pence, continuing the Obama administration’s show of public support for the transition.

“No administration is ready on Day One,” Biden said following the meeting at the Naval Observatory, which serves as the vice presidential residence. He expressed confidence that by Trump’s Jan. 20 inauguration, “everything will be in good hands.”

Trump’s team was essentially starting from scratch, scrapping much of the preliminary transition work New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie conducted during the campaign. After winning the election, Trump demoted Christie and put Pence in charge.

Police: Airport shooting likely case of workplace revenge

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—A man who gunned down a Southwest Airlines employee outside of Oklahoma City’s airport likely did so in retaliation for having lost his own job with the airline last year, police said Wednesday.

Lloyd Dean Buie, 45, killed 52-year-old Michael Winchester on Tuesday as Winchester was leaving work and walking to an employee parking lot, police Capt. Paco Balderrama said at a news conference. Buie fired the shot from the fourth floor of a parking garage when Winchester was about 50 yards away, he said. Buie was later found dead in his pickup truck in the garage.

“We know his intention was to go to the airport to hurt someone,” Balderrama said. “The suspect knew where the employees parked and where they would be walking.”

Winchester died from a single gunshot wound to the chest, the Oklahoma Medical Examiner’s Office ruled Wednesday. Buie’s death was ruled a suicide from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Buie quit his job as a ramp agent for Southwest in April 2015 after he refused to take an alcohol screening, airline spokeswoman Brandy King said Wednesday. She said co-workers had suspected Buie was under the influence at work, but she declined to say if Winchester, a ramp supervisor who had worked for Southwest for 29 years, was involved.

“Our Southwest family is grieving, as we are deeply saddened by the loss of our family member. Our focus remains on offering support to the Winchester family and Southwest employees during this difficult time,” King said.

Police said Winchester wasn’t Buie’s immediate supervisor, but they believe the circumstances surrounding Buie’s quitting were likely his motive for the attack.

The Associated Press tried calling four of Buie’s family members, but the calls either rang unanswered or the numbers had been disconnected.

Winchester, who has a listed address in Washington, a community about 35 miles south of the airport, was a former University of Oklahoma football player whose son James is a long snapper for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Chiefs players and coaches expressed support for their teammate Wednesday, with head coach Andy Reid saying James Winchester had returned to Oklahoma to be with his family and that he didn’t know if he’d return in time for Sunday’s game against Tampa Bay. Punter Dustin Colquitt said he spoke to Winchester, who told him: “Obviously this is a tough time for my family, but I appreciate the thoughts and prayers.”

The shooting set off a scramble at Will Rogers World Airport, with police immediately closing the sprawling complex and asking passengers to seek cover.

Asia

PH president wants to be friends with Trump, Putin

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president, who has lashed out at President Barack Obama for criticizing his deadly crack-down on drugs, said his ties with the United States are likely to improve under Donald Trump, but that he is also excited to meet Russian leader Vladimir Putin at an upcoming Asia-Pacific summit.

President Rodrigo Duterte made upbeat remarks about both the president-elect and Putin at a news conference late Tuesday in Manila.

Asked whether his ties with America can improve under Trump, Duterte replied: "I'm sure, we have no quarrel. I can always be a friend to anybody, especially to a ... president, chief executive of another country."

Duterte, who has been compared to Trump because of his irreverence toward rivals and critics, said he trusted the U.S. president-elect's judgment and expected him to be fair in dealing with people living in the U.S. illegally.

Filipinos are one of the largest expatriate groups in the United States.

His friendly remarks were a departure from his comments on the campaign trail in March, when he took offense at being compared to Trump.

"Donald Trump is a bigot, I am not," Duterte told The Associated Press, referring to Trump's proposals to ban Muslims from entering the U.S. and erect a wall along the Mexican border.

Duterte, 71, has had a frosty

relationship with Obama and the U.S. government since U.S. officials expressed reservations about his anti-drug war, which is thought to have left more than 4,000 people dead since July. He has told Obama to "go to hell" and announced his "separation" from America, his country's treaty ally, during a state visit to China last month.

Duterte later said he meant he wanted to chart a foreign policy that would not lean excessively on America.

His push away from Washington has been accompanied by approaches to China and Russia.

Duterte said he is looking forward to meeting with Putin at this month's Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Peru, and wants the two countries to have stronger ties.

China bans 'fatty' Kim Jong Un nickname on websites

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese websites are censoring "Kim Fatty the Third," a nickname widely used to disparage North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, after officials from his country reportedly conveyed their displeasure in a meeting with their Chinese counterparts.

Searches for the Chinese words "Jin San Pang" on the search engine Baidu and microblogging platform Weibo returned no results this week.

The nickname pokes fun at Kim's girth and his status as the third generation of the Kim family to rule the

world's only hereditary communist dynasty. It's especially popular among young, irreverent Chinese who tend to look down on their country's would-be ally.

Relations between China and North Korea have been strained by the North's nuclear weapons program, which China has condemned along with South Korea, Japan, the United States and Russia. But Beijing continues to support the Kim regime with limited trade and diplomatic backing.

North Korean officials, fearing that Kim would find

out about the nickname, lodged a formal request with China recently to prohibit names disparaging Kim from appearing in the media, according to Hong Kong newspaper reports.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Wednesday that reports of the banning of "Jin San Pang" didn't "comply with facts."

"The Chinese government stays committed to building a healthy and civilized environment of opinions," he added. "We disapprove of referring to the leader of any country with insulting and mocking remarks."

PH economy posts 7.1 percent growth in third quarter

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Officials say the Philippine economy grew faster than expected in the third quarter at 7.1 percent from the same period a year ago, cementing the country's chance of achieving its full-year growth target of 6 to 7 percent. The growth has been fueled by a rise in food manufacturing and a rebound in the agricultural sector after five consecutive quarters of decline. It is faster than the 6.2 percent rise in gross domestic product in the third quarter last year, and a 7 percent expansion in the first half of 2016. Reynaldo Cancio, a director of the National Economic Development Authority, says the growth is higher than major Asian economies that have released third-quarter data so far, including China's 6.7 percent third-quarter growth.

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES PROJECT NO. CPA-IFB-001-17

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for **Solid Waste Collection Services** for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The **bid package** containing all the specifications, date of pre-bid meeting, and other requirements will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **November 04, 2016** upon payment of **\$100.00** to be made at CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport. All responses to this IFB shall take into account any costs that will be charged to the bidder awarded the contract for the project. Bidders shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, mentioned above until **2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, Monday, November 28, 2016**. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Bid for Solid Waste Collection Services at the Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-IFB-001-17". Bidders are to submit one (1) original and three (3) copies.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation For Bids; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

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PROCUREMENT AND DELIVERY OF TWO (2) UNIT VEHICLES PROJECT NO. IFB-002-17

INVITATION TO BID

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed bids for the procurement and delivery of two (2) unit vehicles: **2017 SUV** 4-cylinder, 5/door, All Wheel Drive, 6-speed automatic transmission, air-conditioning, power windows/doors, all other features as per factory specifications and white color for Saipan and Tinian Airports. Bidder shall take into consideration all charges associated with this procurement before finalizing its bid price.

Bidders shall guarantee delivery of the vehicles to CPA within 90 days from award of this bid and at which time; CPA will make payment within 10 days thereafter. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted through the CPA Executive Director via email at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com with copy to atudela@cpa.gov.mp prior to November 11, 2016.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Bid for Procurement and Delivery of two (2) unit vehicles, IFB-002-17". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. Local Time, November 18, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. and publicly announced. Bidders are welcome to attend the bid opening. Bids submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any bids received after the bid submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bids; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the bid would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All bids shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This Invitation for Bid shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

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ASIAN BRIEFS

Malaysia asks Japan's Abe to convince Trump to support TPP

TOKYO (AP)—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak asked his Japanese counterpart on Wednesday to try to convince U.S. President-elect Donald Trump to support the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement when they meet in New York this week. Najib told Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe that Malaysia has cleared the way to ratify the agreement. Japan, also part of the 12-nation deal, is in the final stages of getting parliamentary approval for the necessary legislation. But U.S. ratification is unlikely before President Barack Obama leaves office, and Trump has expressed strong opposition to the pact. Najib urged Abe to explain the significance of the agreement to Trump when they meet Thursday.

Pakistan orders 400 Turks to leave ahead of Erdogan's visit

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Ahead of a visit by Turkey's president, Islamabad ordered 400 Turkish nationals affiliated with a chain of international schools in Pakistan to leave the country within 72 hours, officials said Wednesday. The move was announced on the website of the Pak-Turk International chain of schools and colleges, and confirmed by two school officials. Both offi-

World

Trump's future role looms over Asia-Pacific summit in Peru

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Donald Trump will be on the minds of world leaders as they gather for an Asia-Pacific trade summit.

The president-elect has made it clear that he is hostile to the kind of free trade deals that tend to be the focus of the annual Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, taking place this year in Peru's capital. He's also singled out group members China and Mexico in a populist campaign standing up for displaced American workers.

That has likely changed the tone and the agenda of a meeting that was expected to be part of a valedictory tour for U.S. President Barack Obama. It will be his last international summit before he leaves office Jan. 20 and those in attendance are to include Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Instead of promoting a now all-but dead trade deal known as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, economic experts expect Obama will field uncomfortable questions about Trump's pledges to overhaul U.S. trade policy, crack down on illegal immigration from Mexico and withdraw from a global agreement to fight climate change.

"World leaders like everyone else are hoping he will be more moderate in office than he was on the campaign trail,"



A man dressed in traditional Andean clothes walks past the logo of the APEC 2016 summit in Lima, Peru, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016. Lima will host world leaders at this week's Asian-Pacific economic summit.

panies in the services industry navigate complex, cross-border regulations.

"With the advantages of electronic commerce, it's possible for small, remote businesses to be world traders in a

way they never could before," he said.

While Trump has threatened a trade war with China, vowing higher tariffs and declaring it a currency manipulator, the Asian giant has emerged as an unlikely champion of borderless buying and selling. The leaders gathering in Peru will be presented with a joint U.S.-China study ordered up in 2014 about the feasibility of a vast free trade area including all APEC members.

Fred Bergsten, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington. "But they are going to be worried."

APEC's 21 member-nations comprise more than a third of the world's population and half of global trade. It was established three decades ago to accelerate economic growth by removing trade barriers and helping integrate global supply chains.

The group's annual summits also deal with current international challenges such as security following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, or in Paris last year or the global economic crisis of 2008. This

year, the big issue is Trump.

"As you can imagine, the issue of the day will consume a lot of the energy," said Scott Miller, a senior adviser to the Center for Strategic and International Studies who previously advised the U.S. on APEC matters.

Manufacturing has been declining in the U.S. since the 1950s and today represents less than 10 percent of employment. Despite Trump's promises to revive industry, those jobs are unlikely to return in large enough numbers, said APEC executive director Alan Bollard. At the same time, developing nations—the biggest beneficiaries of glo-

balization—are more upbeat about free trade.

"The pessimism about trade does seem to be more of a developed, affluent country phenomenon," Bollard said in an interview.

Bollard, a former central banker in New Zealand, said world leaders haven't done a good enough job selling the benefits of globalization and cited studies that credit trade for helping lift half a billion people out of poverty in the APEC region.

He said there has also been an overriding focus on manufacturing, what Bollard called the "old wave" of globalization, instead of helping commerce really have many options."

Adham Sahloul of the Syrian American Medical Society, which supports several hospitals in opposition areas in Syria, said it appeared the government was focusing its fire on Aleppo's medical infrastructure, including the central blood bank, which was also hit. There are only five functioning trauma facilities left in eastern Aleppo, he said.

Bombs strike rebel-held Aleppo and northern Syria, 54 dead

BEIRUT (AP)—Bombs rained down on rebel-held eastern Aleppo for a second straight day Wednesday, pounding a district that houses several medical facilities, including the central blood bank, and forcing Syrian staff and patients in the only remaining pediatric hospital to cower in a basement as buildings collapsed around them.

At least 54 people were killed in airstrikes and artillery shelling across northern Syria, part of a long-anticipated offensive against rebel-held areas announced by Russia, a key ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad. The bombardment hit in besieged neighborhoods of Aleppo, as well as the surrounding countryside and the nearby rebel-held province of Idlib.

Russia said its air raids were only targeting Idlib and the central province of Homs to root out militants of the Islamic State group and Syria's al-Qaida affiliate. But Syrian warplanes were pounding rebel-held districts of Aleppo, home to nearly 275,000 people.

Residents said the aerial campaign intensified Wednesday.

Syria's Civil Defense, known as the White Helmets, recorded at least 150 raids, more than double the number of attacks on Aleppo on Tuesday.

Resident Modar Shekha said warplanes hadn't left the skies over his neighborhood since 9 a.m. "The helicopters would leave and the jets would arrive," he said by telephone, adding that the helicopters were dropping seven or eight "barrel bombs" at a time "causing a lot of destruction."

The head of the only pediatric hospital still in service in eastern Aleppo described taking shelter in a basement with some 50 young patients and staff for more than two hours as the crude unguided explosive and shrapnel-laden bombs and other missiles fell around them.

"It was frightening," said Dr. Hatem, who gave only his first name out of fear for the security of family members living in government-controlled areas. He said he counted more than 20 missiles falling, and a number of nearby buildings were destroyed.

When he and the others emerged, he said they found

missiles had landed in the hospital's courtyard, hit the main door and stairs. The hospital's operating rooms, incubators and other equipment were moved underground four months earlier because of repeated aerial bombings of the city.

"We have no other way to reinforce the hospital. We see barrel bombs bringing down whole buildings," he told The Associated Press by telephone. "We don't

Extensive cultural damage found in historic Iraqi city

NIMRUD, Iraq (AP)—Nearly a month into the fight to retake Mosul, government forces pushed Islamic State militants out of nearby Nimrud, home to some of Iraq's richest archaeological treasures. And when soldiers finally surveyed the extremists' destruction of the ancient sites, one said that those who carried it out "don't have a place in humanity."

Intricate reliefs that once stood at the gates to the magnificent Assyrian palace lay in pieces: stone carvings of a face, half of a claw, part of a wing, fragments of script.

In April 2015, the Islamic State extremists released a shocking video that showed how they had hammered, bulldozed and blew up parts of the 13th century B.C. Assyrian capital in the Tigris River valley south of Mosul.

Iraqi officers accompanied journalists to the site Wednesday, wandering through the piles of rubble and snapping photos of the damage that U.N. officials had once called "a war crime."

The Assyrian Ziggurat, nearly 3,000 years old and once one of the tallest surviv-

ing buildings of the ancient world, has been leveled. On palace walls, only small fragments of stone carvings remained. Two Assyrian winged-bull statues that once marked the palace entrance have been completely destroyed. In a palace doorway, four deep cracks defaced a large carving of an Assyrian guardian spirit.

"I didn't cry when Daesh destroyed my home, but I really cried when I saw the video of them destroying this site," said Sheikh Khaled al-Jabouri, a tribal fighter from the Nim-

rud area. "These ruins are not just important to the people of this area, but to all of Iraq."

Since they seized territory in Iraq and Syria in 2014, the IS militants, also known by the Arabic acronym Daesh, have destroyed other cultural treasures that they said promoted idolatry and violated their fundamentalist interpretation of Islamic law.

"This was done by people who don't have a place in humanity," said Maj. Gen. Dhiaa al-Saadi, the deputy commander of Iraqi ground forces, as he surveyed the ruins.

Off The Wall

British man aims to swim Atlantic: From Senegal to Brazil

DAKAR, Senegal (AP)—Former British police officer Ben Hooper hopes to make history by swimming every mile of the Atlantic Ocean from Africa to South America. After more than three years of preparation, he set off on Sunday.

The 38-year-old walked down a beach in Dakar and into the Atlantic Ocean, launching a swim for 1,635 nautical miles, or nearly 2,000 land miles (3,200 kilometers), from Senegal to Brazil.

"This is for my daughter," said Hooper, who filled a water bottle with sand to keep for the 8-year-old who he said inspired the swim. "It's been a long time coming."

Flanked by two boats and a crew of less than a dozen, Hooper aims to be the first person to swim every mile of the Atlantic Ocean from continent to continent, stepping on land again in March.

He says he trained three years as he gathered a crew for the Big Blue, the main boat on which he will eat and sleep

when he is not swimming for about eight hours each day through waters infested with sharks and jellyfish.

Water has loomed large in his life.

"I nearly drowned when I was 5 in a swimming pool in Belgium," Hooper told The Associated Press. "Ever since ... I've had this affinity with water. It was the calmest I've ever felt."

Hooper said he had a bout of depression about 3 1/2 years ago and decided to turn his life around for his daughter. So he looked to water.

"Nobody had swum a full ocean. More people have landed on the moon than have tried this, so at that point I thought maybe this is my calling," said Hooper. "If I can inspire myself, other people and raise money for charity, why not do it?"

Inspired by British explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Hooper said he hopes to motivate others, especially children, to swim.

Funding for the expedition

has taken time, and the launch was set back several times as various crew members dropped out and the boats faced mechanical issues.

"This will be a major achievement overall," said Nigel Taylor-Schofield, the captain of Big Blue. "If anybody can ac-



complish this, it would be Ben. He is very determined."

The crew, including a paramedic, will track the miles, and Hooper has said if he gets to Brazil with the help of currents, he will swim until he fulfills the full Atlantic mileage.

The challenges, be it marine life, dehydration, and more, will be vast, but Hooper says his biggest fear is letting the team and his daughter down. He'll listen to a playlist on customized earphones that he said will include eurotrash music, Eminem and The Script's "Hall of Fame." Hooper will also wear various gear that helps camouflage

him from sharks, and a tracking device so supporters can follow his nearly five-month swim online.

Around 10:30 a.m. on the beach outside the Monaco Plage hotel in Dakar, Hooper and the crew were ready.

"See you in Brazil," he said, before eventually swimming off into the sunlit waters toward his goal.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

That's no house cat: Nevada police find 3 tigers in backyard

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Authorities say a woman who asked them if it was legal to keep tigers at home in rural Nevada was arrested after police found three of the animals in her backyard. The Nye County sheriff's office says 34-year-old Trisha Meyer had called for information on a permit to have tigers. Days later, a resident reported the tigers, and deputies went to the home. They also had learned she was wanted in Texas on a felony burglary and theft warrant. Sgt. David Boruchowitz says deputies found the big cats in the backyard surrounded by a 4-foot fence, and eight monkeys in the home. A Nevada court official said Tuesday that Meyer wasn't held on local charges. She agreed not to fight extradition to Houston at a court appearance Nov. 9.

When pigs fly: Porcine parts, presumably, scatter on highway

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP)—Police say the carcasses of what appeared to be several dead hogs tumbled off a truck in one Florida city, snarling two lanes of a busy interstate during the morning rush hour until the mess could be cleaned up. Authorities say drivers backed up six miles on a stretch of Interstate 75 in Sarasota after the stinking animal remains scattered over two of the three northbound lanes. Lt. Gregory

Bueno of the Florida Highway Patrol said Wednesday that the two affected lanes were closed nearly two hours while emergency crews mopped up. He said by phone: "We had a mess, basically. The smell was very strong." He says gawking drivers slowed as they passed, which didn't help ease congestion. Bueno says police are seeking the truck driver, who didn't stop.

Moooving on: Cows stranded by New Zealand quake are rescued

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Three New Zealand cows whose predicament captured the interest of many people around the world after they became stranded on a small island of grass following a powerful earthquake have been rescued. The Newshub news service reported Tuesday that the two cows and a calf were rescued after a farmer and some helpers dug a track to them and brought them out. Newshub first filmed the cows stuck on the patch of grass near the township of Kaikoura after the magnitude 7.8 quake triggered landslides around them. The farmer, who was not named by Newshub, said the cows were desperate for water after they were rescued. He said the quake fault line ran right beneath his farm, which had been relatively flat before the earthquake. New Zealand's 10 million cattle easily outnumber its 4.7 million people.



ILLEGAL WEAPONS

A pile of 5,250 illegal weapons are burned by Kenyan police in Ngong, near Nairobi, in Kenya Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016. The weapons consisted of both confiscated and surrendered firearms that had been stockpiled over almost a decade and were destroyed by police as a message to the public to surrender others.

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The religious community of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported us through your prayers, presence, in-kind and monetary assistance in the recent passing and celebration of New Life of our sister, Mary Louise.

We miss Mary Louise and know that many of you do as well. We know that her prayer to be united with God, she now continues to pray for each of us.

Please do keep all our sisters here in the retirement community at Maturana in your prayers. Once again — Thank You!

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Science & Technology

Facebook’s fake news problem: What’s its responsibility?

NEW YORK (AP)—Facebook is under fire for failing to rein in fake and biased news stories that some believe may have swayed the presidential election. Its predicament stems from this basic conundrum: It exercises great control over the news its users see, but it declines to assume the editorial responsibility that traditional publishers do.

On Monday, Facebook took a minor step to address the issue, clarifying its advertising policy to emphasize that it won’t display ads on sites that run information that is “illegal, misleading or deceptive, which includes fake news.” The company said it was merely making explicit a policy that was already implied.

Its move followed a similar step by Google earlier on Monday, after the search giant acknowledged that it had let a false article about the election results slip into its list of recommended news stories.

In the case of both companies, the aim is to discourage fake-news sites by depriving them of revenue.

Facebook is also said to be facing brewing internal tur-



In this April 12, 2016, file photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg speaks during the keynote address at the F8 Facebook Developer Conference in San Francisco.

moil over its influence and what it can and should do about it.

Employees have expressed concern over Facebook’s role in spreading misinformation and racist memes largely associated with the alt-right, according to The New York Times and BuzzFeed. Some have reportedly formed an unofficial task force to investigate the role the company played in the election.

Founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg, however, insists that Facebook remains a neutral technology platform where its users can share anything they want, with only a tiny fraction

of it fake or problematic.

Last week, Zuckerberg called the idea that voters might have been influenced by what they saw on Facebook—fake, uber-partisan stories, such as a false one about Pope Francis endorsing Donald Trump for president—“pretty crazy.”

Microsoft joins Linux Foundation in another nod to open-source code

By MATT DAY
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE—Microsoft has joined the Linux Foundation, the latest sign that the software giant is embracing open-source technologies it formerly treated with hostility.

The foundation helps advise the development of the Linux and other software tools built on open-source terms that allow the public to freely use and modify software. Microsoft on Wednesday said it had joined the foundation on its most expensive tier of corporate membership, alongside the likes of Intel and Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

Linux, which former Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer once called a cancer, was for years one of Microsoft’s biggest rivals. The free-to-use operating system was seen for a time as the primary threat to expensive,

proprietary Windows.

Windows won the battle for the personal computer but didn’t fare so well in the broader debate about the value of open-source versus proprietary technology.

Linux-derived Android dominates the smartphone market, and open-source tools are a force in cloud-computing technologies. Many software startups favor open-source software by default.

Microsoft teams plugging away on developer tools and server software, realms heavily influenced by Linux, broke with the company line during the last several years in pushing greater involvement with the open-source community.

When Satya Nadella, previously Microsoft’s server and tools chief, was named company chief executive in early 2014, the tone shifted companywide. Microsoft, Nadella said at an event in October 2014, loves Linux.

TECH Q&A How to read data from a decades-old floppy disk

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I’m a doctor who was a medical missionary in Madagascar for 40 years, and the time has come for me to write my memoirs. But to do that I need access to my old emails and correspondence that were written on an early Apple IIc computer that used 7-inch floppy disks. I’ve been trying to find a company that can read these old 7-inch disks and convert their data into something a modern computer can read. What can I do?

A: Floppy disks are so old that we forget their quirks.

What you have isn’t a 7-inch floppy disk (there never was one that size), but a 5.25-inch disk inside a square protective holder that measures 7 inches diagonally. That’s how to measure and express the size of a TV screen. But with floppies you need to measure the diameter of the disk, which is done by measuring the square disk holder vertically or horizontally.

Because your 5.25-inch floppy disks were the standard size used by personal computers from the late 1970s until the late 1980s,

there are still firms that will convert their contents into modern data files. I suggest you try RetroFloppy (tinyurl.com/jjnh733) or Denver Data Recovery (tinyurl.com/jzvn-d9a) because they still work with the earliest types of Apple floppy disks. Be sure to specify that your floppies are formatted to be read by an Apple IIc. The firms will return the files to you on a flash drive or a CD or DVD disk, formatted for modern PCs or Macs.

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Q: I email a small newsletter to a group of 106 subscribers using the Outlook.com web email service. But suddenly I can’t send out the newsletter, and I’m wondering if it’s because Microsoft has changed Outlook.com’s functionality. I don’t believe the 2-megabyte size of the newsletter is an issue, because I can send it to individuals without any problem. What can I do?

A: The problem isn’t the size of the emails but the quantity of them. You’re exceeding Outlook.com’s limit on the number of identical emails that can be sent at one time.

Why is there a limit? Outlook.com, like virtually all

email providers, wants to rid itself of users who send out huge quantities of spam, the junk email that angers consumers and wastes the resources of email providers.

As a result, Outlook.com restricts bulk emailing—sending the same message to many email addresses simultaneously—to 100 recipients at a time, a limit you’ve just barely exceeded at 106.

While this limit has existed for years, you’re probably encountering it now because your newsletter subscriber list has grown large enough. Outlook.com also limits the total number of emails that can be sent in one day to 300, but you haven’t crossed that line yet.

The easy way to avoid the bulk email limitation is to split your subscriber list in two and send the newsletter to each half of the list separately. Alternatively, if you give Outlook.com your cellphone number (sign in at tinyurl.com/hcwqb2n to do so) you’ll be sent a code each time you exceed the email service’s limits. You enter the code on a special website to “prove” that you’re not a spammer. Each time you do this, you get an exemption from the email limit.

Science Matters

Cold and hot: Two bizarre worlds

On land and in shallow waters, plants capture solar energy and make food by **photosynthesis**. But deep in the sea, two strange kinds of biological communities live by **chemosynthesis**.

A cold methane seep

Hydrocarbons, mostly methane, bubble up from sea floor; same temperature as sea water

Specially adapted bacteria thrive on methane, convert it to food and energy

What causes it?

Solids called gas hydrates in sea floor release methane

Water flows through hot depths of Earth’s crust

A hydrothermal vent (‘black smoker’)

Scalding hot, mineral-rich water pours from cracks in sea floor

Bacteria derive chemical energy by breaking down dissolved minerals

What is life like there?

Many animals but low diversity; few species can survive in methane-rich water

Dense fields of siboglinid worms and a few fish

Many animals of many species; complex food chain thrives in the hot waters

Red tube worms (left); giant crabs; mussels;

Where are they?

Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean

Confirmed and reported hydrothermal sites

Geological faults and volcanic areas

Source: Emmelle Åström of Center for Arctic Gas Hydrate, Climate and Environment; Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute; NOAA

Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Life & Style

Ten Commandments tablet sold at auction for \$850K

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The world's earliest-known complete stone inscription of the Ten Commandments, described as a "national treasure" of Israel, sold at auction in Beverly Hills for \$850,000.

Heritage Auctions said the two-foot square marble slab sold Wednesday night at a public auction of ancient Biblical archaeology artifacts.

The tablet weighs about 115 pounds and is inscribed in an early Hebrew script called Samaritan.

It likely adorned the entrance of a synagogue that was destroyed by the Romans between A.D. 400 and 600, or by the Crusaders in the 11th century, said David Michaels, Heritage Auctions director of ancient coins and antiquities.

The auction house said the Israeli Antiquities Authorities approved export of the piece to the United States in 2005. The only condition was that it must be displayed in a public museum.

"The sale of this tablet does not mean it will be hid-

den away from the public," Michaels said. "The new owner is under obligation to display the tablet for the benefit of the public."

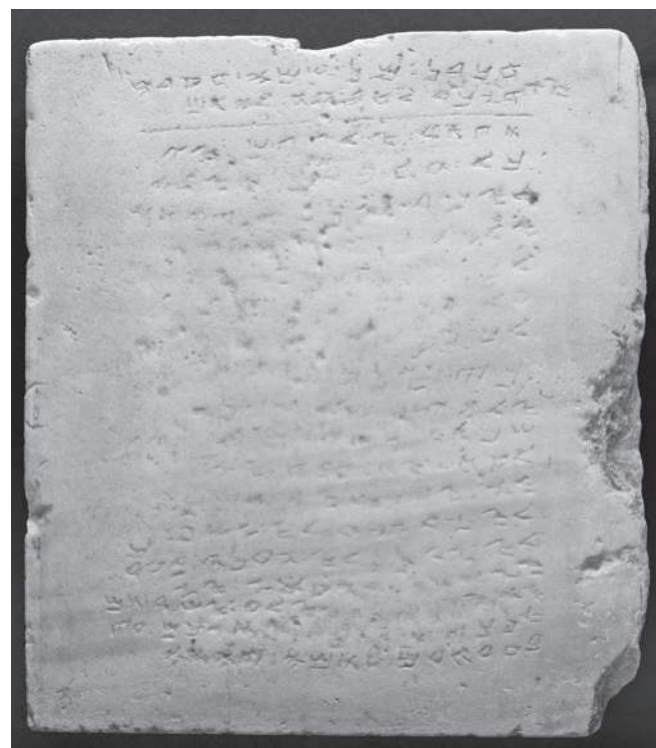
The tablet lists nine of the 10 commonly known commandments, leaving out "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain" (King James translation), and adding one often employed by the Samaritan sect, encouraging worshippers to "raise up a temple" on Mount Gerizim, the holy mountain of the Samaritans, according to Heri-

tage Auctions.

The tablet was one of a number of Biblical artifacts owned by the Living Torah Museum in Brooklyn, New York, that were up for auction.

The auction opened with a \$300,000 bid on the piece. The winning bidder does not wish to be identified.

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This undated photo provided by Heritage Auctions, HA.com shows the world's earliest-known stone inscription of the Ten Commandments – a two-foot square slab of white marble, weighing about 115 pounds and inscribed in an early Hebrew script called Samaritan, that sold for \$850,000 Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, 2016, at a public auction of ancient Biblical archaeology artifacts held by Heritage Auctions in Beverly Hills, Calif.



Claude Monet painting fetches \$81.4M in NYC



^{AP}
In this Nov. 4, 2016, file photo, Claude Monet's "Grainstack" is displayed at Christie's, in New York.

Wednesday's auction was a painting by Wassily Kandinsky that had not been on the market in more than 50 years.

It sold for \$23.3 million, a new record for the Russian artist. The previous record for his work was \$23 million set in 2012.

"Rigid and Curved" was first owned by the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, which acquired it directly from the artist in 1936, a year after it was completed, according to Christie's.

A lively, colorful piece of geometric and organic shapes, it's been in the same private collection since 1964.

Christie's said the painting's texture of sand mixed with paint was a technique Kandinsky used only in his Paris paintings of 1934-1935.

NEW YORK (AP)—A painting from Claude Monet's acclaimed "Grainstack" series fetched \$81.4 million at Christie's New York auction of impressionist and modern art.

Wednesday evening's sale set a new auction record for the artist. The previous auction record for a Monet was \$80.4 million set in 2008.

The 1891 painting, shimmering with hues of reds,

pinks, blues and yellow, depicts a close-up of a single cone-shaped stack after harvest.

Monet's "Grainstack" series—25 in all—was painted just steps from his home outside a farmer's field in the French village of Giverny.

The work offered Wednesday night was one of a few still in private hands.

Among other highlights at

Manager: Songwriter Leonard Cohen died in sleep after fall

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen died in his sleep after falling down in the middle of the night at his Los Angeles home, his manager said Wednesday.

"The death was sudden, unexpected and peaceful," manager Robert B. Kory said in a statement.

The details from Kory pro-

vided the first glimpse of how Cohen died. No cause was given last week in the initial announcement of his death.

The statement also said that Cohen died on Nov. 7—three days before his passing was made public.

The singer, songwriter and poet behind "Hallelujah," "Bird on a Wire" and "Suzanne" was 82 when he

died. Cohen had been in declining health for much of the year, though he revealed few details.

He is survived by his children, Adam and Lorca, and his three grandchildren, Cassius, Viva and Lyon, the statement said.

Cohen was buried in Montreal in a small ceremony on Nov. 10, the same day his death was announced.

Colson Whitehead, Rep. John Lewis win National Book Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Colson Whitehead's "The Underground Railroad" has won the National Book Award for fiction.

The awards were presented Wednesday night during a dinner ceremony at Cipriani Wall Street in Manhattan, with Lar-

ry Wilmore serving as host.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who collaborated on a trilogy of graphic novels titled "March" about his civil rights activism, was among the winners of the young people's literature prize.

Other winners included Daniel Borzutzky's "The Performance of Becoming Human" for poetry and Ibram X Kendi's "Stamped from the Beginning" for nonfiction.

Each of the honorees received \$10,000.

Friend enjoys a free ride without the slightest thanks

DEAR ABBY: I am a retired airline employee, and I get passes for my friends and family. I recently provided first-class-eligible round-trip passes from San Diego to Paris to my best friend and her friend. (The fare would have cost them thousands of dollars retail.) The only thing I asked in return was to pick me up a menu, a print or something small that could be packed easily.

They were in Paris for a month, Abby, and they totally forgot me. I am so hurt. Sometimes I want to call them and tell them how I feel. Then I think it wouldn't be a good idea. Frankly, I am angry. What is the best way to handle this?

UP IN THE AIR

DEAR UP IN THE AIR: I don't blame you for being angry about the thoughtlessness and ingratitude they displayed. Your feelings are justified, and you should clear the air by explaining that you were hurt. You have every right to tell your friend how you feel. And the next time you are asked to give them a free ride, you have every right to just say "non."

DEAR ABBY: I'm hoping you can guide me on how to handle a sticky situation with my neighbors.

My 9-year-old son has befriended a kid his age. The boy is nice and I don't mind him coming over. However, he has a younger brother the parents always send with him, and the boy

is very hyper and aggressive. I work full time as a behavior specialist and deal with hyperactive children all day. The last thing I want when I come home is a hyper child I cannot parent.

My son recently invited his friend to sleep over, and the parents sent both boys. How do I let them know that sometimes just the older brother is welcome without hurting their feelings?

NOT WANTING TO OFFEND

DEAR NOT WANTING: Hurting their feelings? The parents are using your invitations to the older boy as a baby-sitting opportunity for the younger one. I don't think it would be rude to tell them you can handle only one child at a time, and to please refrain from sending the little brother to your home unless he is specifically invited.

DEAR ABBY: I am struggling with trust in my relationships. I haven't found a faithful man in any of the relationships I've had in the last five years, and it has made me gun shy. Now, each time I try to date, I look for any small indication that he could be cheating, which leads to jealousy and drives men away.

How do I learn to trust again? Should I delete all social media? Should I just stop trying to date altogether? I am so frustrated and tired of getting hurt.

WOUNDED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR WOUNDED: Putting ourselves out there is risky. There can be many disappointments before a person finds the right match. (Men also become frustrated and gun shy.)

Your luck might improve if you become serious less quickly and let relationships evolve without looking for commitment or signs of betrayal. If a man acts responsibly, does what he says he will and treats you with respect, give him the benefit of the doubt and the chances are your luck may change. If you're unable to do this, some sessions with a licensed professional counselor may help.

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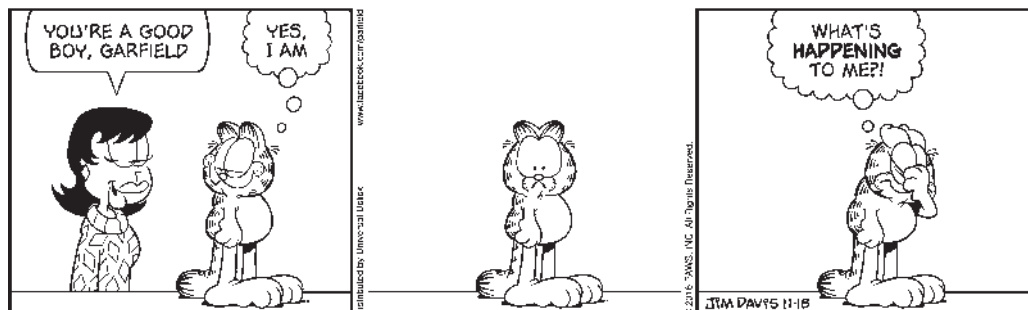
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The Duplex

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By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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4 Historic period
7 Marshal Earp
12 Ms. Gardner
13 Needle-fish
14 Sound
15 Charged bit
16 Miss a wake-up call
18 Go astray
19 Arrangement
20 Dutch cheese
22 Composer Rorem
23 Mystique
27 Tummy muscles
29 French tower designer
31 Maxim
34 Treasure stash
35 Lode-stone
37 Scary cry

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3 Food from heaven
4 Swelled heads
5 Black birds
6 Mountain crest
7 Stinger
8 Actor Brynner
9 Citric beverage
10 Dead heat
11 Surpass
17 Uncivil
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23 Roundish hairdos

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25 Speed (up)
26 Hearty quaff
28 Spell-down
30 "Am — blame?"
31 Parisian pal
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33 Census stat
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51 Jargon suffix

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Yesterday's answer 11-18

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Allyson Felix, 31; Denny Hamlin, 36; Chloe Sevigny, 42; Owen Wilson, 48.

Happy Birthday: Look for alternatives when it comes to your legal, financial or health matters this year. Don't leave anything to chance or rely on someone else to do things for you. Stay in control and bring about the changes that will satisfy your needs. A lifestyle change will save you money and position you to take advantage of future trends. Your numbers are 8, 15, 22, 27, 36, 41, 47.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for the bright side of any situation you face. Emotional issues may not appear to be going your way, but in hindsight you will discover that you are better off. Put an emphasis on fair negotiations rather than disagreements. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your home and family your priorities. Indulge in activities or events that will bring you closer to the ones you love. You will learn valuable lessons from the people who want the best for you. Love and romance are highlighted. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Preparation will be necessary if you want to challenge someone who is looking to find fault in what you do or say. Take care of unfinished business and you will be able to fulfill some of the dreams you aspire to achieve. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Venture down avenues that are unfamiliar. What you learn and experience will contribute to getting ahead and impressing someone who

can make a difference in a project that you are involved in. Romance is encouraged. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Seize the moment, share your opinions and make each move count. A serious approach to the way you move forward will make a difference and could impress those in your community. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll receive help from an unexpected source. Be willing to share your findings and to collaborate in order to advance. Helping others will only bring them advantages if you follow through. The benefits you receive will allow you to make positive personal changes. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Deal with the changes at work or at home that will require an adjustment on your part. Don't dilly-dally when you should be cognizant of what's expected of you and willing to do your part in order to move forward. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make travel arrangements and listen to suggestions offered by someone you respect. The information you receive will bring about positive changes. Don't let your past stop you from enjoying the present and striving to build a better future. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Read contracts, documents and medical information carefully. You will be apt to make the wrong assumption if you don't uncover the facts on your own. Go to the best source available and ask direct questions. Protect your assets. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take the high road and the initiative to make your dreams come true. Follow your heart and share your thoughts with someone you love. Consider your options and choose the route that suits you best. Be a leader, not a follower. ***



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Address personal papers that need updating. A financial gain is within reach if you make a couple of changes to your everyday routine or you get involved in a joint venture with someone you trust. Recognition and advancement is within reach. ***



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ability to network and collaborate with others will pay off. Use your charm and entice those you deal with by sharing innovative and unusual alternatives to what's been offered in the past. Let your creative imagination lead the way. *****

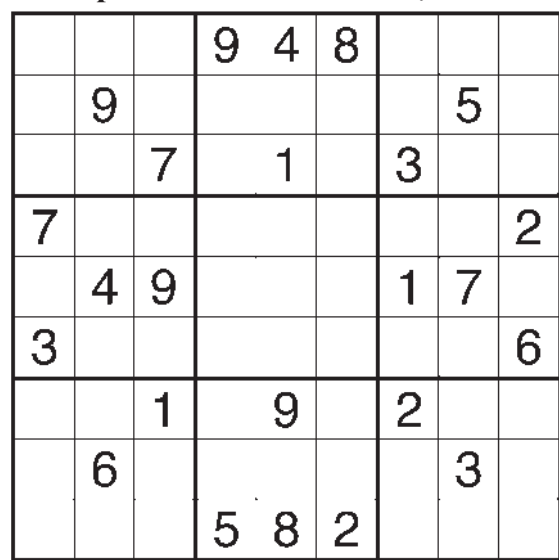
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By Dave Green

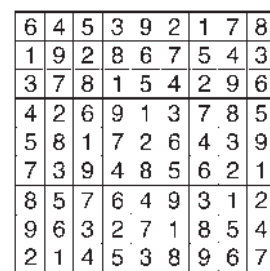


Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

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WHOLE FOODS

Solution: 3 letters

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Westbrook scores 30 as Thunder top Rockets, 105-103



OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—As Russell Westbrook took off, he saw Clint Capela as a mere obstacle to victory rather than an athletic 6-foot-10 shot blocker.

In the blink of an eye, Westbrook uncorked a vicious left-handed hammer dunk over Capela in the closing seconds to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Houston Rockets 105-103 on Wednesday night.

Oklahoma City led by three when the 6-3 Westbrook threw it down with 5.5 seconds left to put the Thunder up five.

Westbrook said Capela's reputation—he had already blocked three shots on the night and ranks among the league's leaders—didn't deter him.

"It don't matter, man," Westbrook said. "Game on the line. If you get blocked, or you make a dunk—it's one or the other. Fortunately, it went in and it closed the game for us."

Oklahoma City center Steven Adams, who isn't easily impressed, cracked a smile when asked about Westbrook's jam.

"Just happy it's not me," he said. "That's pretty much like the only thing is 'Thank goodness he's on my team.' That was crazy. Honestly, he did a good job, Capela. Nice little bit of defense, honestly. Verticality, avoided the foul, and obviously, he's (Westbrook) just a really athletic dude. Just caught him."

Westbrook finished with 30 points, nine assists and seven rebounds. Victor Oladipo added season highs of 29 points and 10 rebounds for the Thunder, who snapped a four-game losing streak.

James Harden, the league's assist leader and No. 4 scorer heading into the night, finished with 13 points, 13 assists and seven rebounds. He made just 4 of 16 shots while being harassed by Andre Roberson.

"Dre did an amazing job, like he's been doing all season," Westbrook said. "James is a tough player, obviously, and he (Roberson) did a great job of making him shoot over his length. He needs to get credit for what he's been doing defensively all year."

Capela added 13 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets, who went scoreless for more than six minutes in the fourth quarter to help the Thunder position themselves for the win.

"We didn't play well," Harden said. "We didn't shoot the ball well, and we still had an opportunity to win."

Oklahoma City led 65-63 at halftime as Westbrook had 20 points and Oladipo 17. The shot 61 percent before the break. The Rockets' offense worked, despite just five points from Harden on 1-for-6 shooting.

The Rockets started strong after the break, and a 14-5 binge put Houston up 77-70 and led to an Oklahoma City timeout. The Rockets stretched their lead to 11, but the Thunder pulled to 90-85 by the end of the period.

Oladipo's 3-pointer with just under three minutes to play tied the score at 100, then Roberson's alley-oop dunk on a lob from Westbrook finally put the Thunder ahead.

Westbrook made a free throw to extend Oklahoma City's lead to three with 28 seconds remaining. Houston missed an opportunity when Harden and Trevor Ariza failed to connect while Ariza was open in the corner. That set up Westbrook's game-clinching dunk.

"I still wasn't able to make a couple of passes," Harden said. "Normal game, just didn't make shots, especially down the stretch when we needed to. That was it."

Warriors 127, Raptors 121

In Toronto, Stephen Curry



had 35 points, Kevin Durant added 30 and Golden State beat Toronto for its fifth straight victory.

The Warriors also have won five in a row against the Raptors, three in Toronto.

NBA scoring leader DeMar DeRozan led the Raptors with 34 points, and Kyle Lowry had 24. DeRozan was 17 of 17 from the free-throw line, and had his ninth 30-plus-point game in 11 games this season.

Grizzlies 111, Clippers 107

In Los Angeles, Marc Gasol hit a go-ahead 3-pointer from the left corner with 14 seconds left, and Memphis snapped

Los Angeles' seven-game winning streak.

Mike Conley scored 30 points, Gasol added a season-high 26 and the Grizzlies equaled a season high with 15 3-pointers, including a career high-tying seven by Conley.

J.J. Redick scored a season-high 29 points, Blake Griffin added 25, and DeAndre Jordan had 14 rebounds for the Clippers, who still have the NBA's best record at 10-2. Both of their losses have come at home.

Pacers 103, Cavaliers 93

In Indianapolis, Paul George scored 21 points and the Indi-

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Russell Westbrook (0) dunks over Houston Rockets center Clint Capela (15) during the final seconds of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016.

ana Pacers took advantage off the resting LeBron James' absence to beat Cleveland.

Jeff Teague added 20 points and eight assists, and Thaddeus Young had 16 points to help the Pacers improve to 6-1 at home and 6-6 overall.

James sat out for the first time this season. Averaging 23.4 points and 8.9 rebounds, he rested after playing Tuesday night in a home victory over Toronto. Guard J.R. Smith also missed the game because of a sprained right ankle.

Kevin Love led Cleveland with 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Kyrie Irving had 24 points and seven assists. The Cavaliers dropped to 9-2 after matching the best start in franchise history with the victory over Toronto on Tuesday night.

Knicks 105, Pistons 102

In New York, Kristaps Porzingis scored a career-high 35 points and New York held off Detroit.

The 7-foot-3 forward from Latvia hit three 3-pointers and converted a dazzling three-point play in the first half after dunking a lob pass on the break in the first 30-point game of his two-year career.

Carmelo Anthony added 22 points to help the Knicks win their second straight. Joakim Noah bounced back nicely with seven points and 15 rebounds after he was benched in the second half of the Knicks' victory over Dallas on Monday night. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope led Detroit with 21 points.

Hawks 107, Bucks 100

In Atlanta, Paul Millsap scored 21 points, Mike Muscala added 16 and Atlanta won its sixth straight game, beating Milwaukee.

Muscala started in place of star center Dwight Howard, who was sidelined with a left quadriceps contusion. Atlanta improved to 6-1 at home and tied Cleveland for the best record in the Eastern Conference at 9-2.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 26 points and 15 rebounds for Milwaukee, and Jabari Parker scored 15 of his 23 points in the third quarter.

Celtics 90, Mavericks 83

In Boston, Isaiah Thomas scored 22 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter in Boston's victory over Dallas.

Thomas scored 20 of Boston's final 24 points to help

the Celtics beat back a late Mavericks' surge. After Dallas took a 70-66 lead, Thomas scored Boston's next 13 points to put the Celtics back in front 79-76. Avery Bradley added 18 points and 13 rebounds.

Harrison Barnes led the Mavericks with 28 points.

Nuggets 120, Suns 104

In Denver, Wilson Chandler scored a season-high 28 points and Denver won for the first time at home this season, beating Phoenix.

Kenneth Faried added a season-high 20 points and 15 rebounds to also help Denver snapped a four-game losing streak. Danilo Gallinari had 18 points, Jameer Nelson 17 and Emmanuel Mudiay 15.

The Nuggets played their second straight game without starting shooting guard Gary Harris. He's expected to be out until mid-December with a foot injury.

Brandon Knight scored a season-high 32 points for Phoenix, and Devin Booker had 24 before he was ejected with 17.8 left after receiving his second technical foul. The Suns have lost five of six.

Magic 89, Pelicans 82

In Orlando, Fla., Serge Ibaka scored 16 points and Nikola Vucevic broke out of his shooting slump with 10 points and 14 rebounds in Orlando's victory over New Orleans.

Evan Fournier also finished with 16 points.

Terrence Jones led New Orleans with 26 points. He started at power forward in place of Anthony Davis, sidelined by a thigh injury.

76ers 109, Wizards 102

In Philadelphia, Jahlil Okafor scored 19 points on 8-for-11 shooting to lead struggling Philadelphia past Washington.

Ersan Ilyasova added 16 points to help the 76ers win for just the second time in 11 games this season. John Wall scored 23 of his 27 points in the second half for Washington.

Spurs 110, Kings 105

In Sacramento, Calif., Pau Gasol had 24 points and nine rebounds to lead San Antonio to its fourth straight win.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 21 points and Kawhi Leonard added 20 for the Spurs, who improved to 6-0 on the road this season. Tony Parker had 14 points and seven rebounds.

DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points, 17 rebounds and six assists for the Kings, who dropped their third straight game. Matt Barnes had 15 points and Ben McLemore, Willie Cauley-Stein and Rudy Gay each added 11.

Mark Cuban: Decision to avoid Trump hotels made 'months ago'

DALLAS (AP)—Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban says the team's decision not to stay at Donald Trump-branded hotels in New York and Chicago was made before the presidential election.

The billionaire technology entrepreneur declined Wednesday to elaborate on the decision, telling The Associated Press it "was made months ago. Not recently."

Cuban was a frequent critic of Trump during the campaign and supported Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, who lost to the Republican president-elect.

ESPN, citing anonymous sources, reported that Dal-

las, Memphis and Milwaukee were among the teams that moved away from Trump-branded hotels in New York and Chicago. The network reported that the decision was made in part to avoid any implied association with Trump.

The Memphis Grizzlies are another team that isn't staying at Trump properties.

"It had nothing to do with the election. We made those decisions months ago," coach David Fizdale said Wednesday night before a game against the Clippers. "We didn't stay in Trump hotels when I was in Miami either, so when I came here I wanted to stay in places I was familiar with. It had

nothing to do with him."

Several NBA coaches have been critical of Trump since the election, including Golden State's Steve Kerr and San Antonio's Gregg Popovich.

Milwaukee Bucks coach Jason Kidd declined to comment as a team spokesman pointed to a statement earlier in the day that the team would not go on the record about its season travel plans.

But star forward Jabari Parker said he supports the team's decision not to stay in Trump properties.

"It targets most of the guys on the team, the controversy that Donald Trump stands for," Parker told The Associat-

ed Press. "I'm damn near Mexican because my mom is from Hawaii. We have a Muslim on the team (Mirza Teletovic) and all our guys are black, so when you despise our culture, we can't support that."

Parker added that he's proud of the Bucks' decision.

"Yeah, because those are tensions that he stands for, and it targets guys on the team," Parker told The AP. "They (Bucks front office) don't want to put them in uncomfortable situations just like in the '60s when they said, 'Whites only.' That's basically how I look at it because we're not welcome in Donald Trump's in-crowd."

Dak Prescott: Status quo for Cowboys after Romo's concession



FRISCO, Texas (AP)—Dak Prescott's interaction with his new backup wasn't much different after Tony Romo's heartfelt speech that conceded the Cowboys' starting job to the rookie quarterback.

Dallas coach Jason Garrett talked matter-of-factly to the 36-year-old about being No. 2 for the first time since Garrett joined the staff in 2007. And tight end Jason Witten, Romo's best friend on the team, wasn't sure what to make of all the fuss.

While the outside world spent two days pondering Romo's retirement or relocation—sometimes both—the Cowboys had another couple of workdays in a regular week.

"I think that was more for y'all than for me or for this team," Prescott said Wednesday, a day after Romo said the 23-year-old had earned the right to keep the job that Romo took from Drew Bledsoe in the middle of the 2006 season.

"We know each other, how we feel about the situation. He's been a great leader, a great model for me to look up to and watch every day. So I'm not surprised."

Prescott will start Sunday against Baltimore (5-4) looking for a franchise season-best ninth straight win, a run that has carried the Cowboys (8-1) to the best record in the NFL.

Romo, whose back injury in a preseason game created the opening for Prescott, is expected to be his backup for the first time in the four-time Pro Bowler's first game on the active roster since last Thanksgiving.

A surprising success as a fourth-round pick that started



Dallas Cowboys starting quarterback Dak Prescott (4) looks to pass as backup quarterback Tony Romo (9) looks on during an NFL football team practice in Frisco, Texas, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016.

expectation is. He's going to embrace it fully."

Witten was a third-round pick in 2003, the same year Romo signed as an undrafted free agent. He said he was in the weight room when he found out Romo was addressing reporters, and Witten finally let his exasperation show when someone offered the "what if" of Romo having taken his last snap with the Cowboys.

"C'mon guys," Witten

said. "I mean, he embodies everything you want. He said it. Let's move forward with the football team. I don't think that's entered my mind and it hasn't entered anybody's mind."

The 34-year-old Witten was mindful of the difficulty Romo faced in making the speech. And while he and Romo share the reality that their careers are winding down, Witten also has become a valuable target for Prescott. Two weeks ago, he had his first 100-yard game in three years.

"We've been together a long time and Tony's been hurt before," Witten said. "Things come up, so I think you just encourage him and he's always felt like a key part of this team."

to play the Ravens," Garrett said. "Tony is a professional. He's done an outstanding job

preparing himself for whatever role he's been in since I've been here and that's what the

Bucs WR Evans apologizes for not standing for anthem

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Tampa Bay Buccaneers receiver Mike Evans says he will not continue to protest the election of Donald Trump as president by declining to stand for the national anthem before games.

The third-year pro apologized Wednesday to the military and anyone else "truly affected" by him not joining his teammates in standing on the sideline before last week's game against the Chicago Bears.

Evans stopped short of saying he regretted not standing for the anthem on Salute To Service Day at Raymond James Stadium. He still thinks Trump's election is not good for the country, but instead of protesting he intends to try to impact the plight of minorities in other ways.

"I know I've hurt a lot of people by doing what I did.

I'm sorry to those who are truly affected by what I did, to those who are disappointed in what I did, and to my teammates," Evans said.

Evans said Sunday he meant no disrespect to the military, but that he viewed the election of a businessman and reality television star to the nation's highest office was "not a good look for America."

He said reaction from fans and others on social media has been mixed.

"It's what I expected. Some people were saluting me, some people were showing evil, and a lot of hate," said Evans, who's tied for the NFL lead in touchdown receptions with eight.

"I just want people to understand that you can't just hate somebody because they have different beliefs and different views than you,"

Evans said. "That's the problem, that's why I did what I did. That's what I want people to understand, you can't just wish harm on somebody because they have different beliefs than you. Everyone didn't grow up the same."

Evans, 23, grew up in Galveston, Texas. He said he will reach out to different organizations and "use my voice to help minorities," including blacks, Latinos, women, the LGBT community and other "people that are in fear of Donald Trump and his presidency."

"The way people grow up, it shapes the way they think and do things. I grew up in a mixed population, white, Hispanic and black, and I feel all people are equal," Evans said, adding that he wasn't surprised by the criticism he's drawn since Sunday.

"It was the Salute to Ser-

vice game, and so looking back on it I probably would have done it a different way," Evans said. "But it's done. It won't happen again. I'll be standing with my teammates. But I will be using my platform to bring (awareness)."

Quarterback Jameis Winston was among the teammates who said they respected Evans' right to protest.

"Yeah, I talked to him about it and I'm definitely on his side. I respect his beliefs. ... I've got his back," Winston said.

"Mike is a standup guy, one of the greatest guys on this football team," the quarterback added. "What he does on the field, what he does off the field, the type of man that he is, speaks for itself."

Evans, who has 59 receptions for 811 yards in nine games, said he hasn't received any backlash in the locker room.

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Juan Pan tops SGA October Ace

Businessman Juan Pan Guerrero topped the Saipan Golfers Association October 2016 Ace of the Month Tournament held last Oct. 2 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort west course.

Guerrero shot a 44 in the front and a 45 in the back for a gross of 89. With a handicap of 17, Guerrero netted a 72.

Veteran golfer Nick Sablan actually had the best score of the day after he finished with a net score of 70 after shooting a gross of 75. The 5-handicapper started

quite well with a 36 in the front before retiring with a 39 in the back.

Third place went to new SGA member Martin Ada, who scored a net 73 built around a 48 in the front and 45 in the back for a gross of 93. Ada sports a 20 handicap.

With his win in October, Guerrero now joins the following 2016 SGA Ace of the Month tournament winners:



Guerrero

Greg Sablan (January), Jung Eun Teack (February), Das Krishnan (March), Edward Manibusan (April), Nick Sablan (May), Tony Deleon Guerrero (June), Rick Kautz (July), Frank Castro (August), and Juan Lizama (September).

In the closest to the pin competition, Nick Sablan won on holes No. 3 and 13, Larry

Deleon Guerrero topped hole No. 7, while Attorney General Edward Manibusan was without peer on hole No. 17.

Jung Eun Teack and Das Krishnan were the winners in the longest drive contest.

The SGA November 2016 Ace of the Month Tournament and Turkey Shoot is scheduled this Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort east course. Tee time is at 10am and show time is at 9am. *(Saipan Tribune)*

Nationals' Scherzer, Boston's Porcello win Cy Young Awards



NEW YORK
(AP)—Max Scherzer

celebrated aboard a boat off the British Virgin Islands, doused by college pals on a floating party.

Rick Porcello enjoyed the moment at his parents' home in New Jersey, surrounded by family, friends and a few bottles of wine.

As for Justin Verlander, well, fuming supermodel Kate Upton brought the heat for her fiancé.

Rotation mates for five seasons in Detroit, the three right-handers topped the Cy Young Award talk Wednesday: Scherzer easily won the NL prize, Porcello edged out Verlander for the AL honor.

"That's just the weird thing about these," said Scherzer, who ruled the majors with 284 strikeouts and topped the NL with 20 wins for Washington. "It's the voting."

Porcello led baseball with 22 wins for Boston, and had a 3.15 ERA.

Porcello won despite getting just eight of the 30 first-place votes from members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America—this was the first time the AL Cy winner didn't get the most firsts.

Verlander went 16-9 with a 2.40 ERA while leading the AL in strikeouts and other categories. He got 14 first-place votes, but didn't draw as much support across the board—he was left off two ballots, too.

Overall, Porcello won 137-132 in the second-closest vote since 1970 (Verlander lost by four points to



AP

In this Oct. 13, 2016, file photo, Washington Nationals starting pitcher Max Scherzer winds up during the first inning in Game 5 of baseball's National League Division Series, against the Los Angeles Dodgers, in Washington.

David Price in 2012).

Voters list their five picks in order. A first-place vote is worth seven points, four for second, three for third, two for fourth and one for fifth. Verlander needed to pick up five more points to match Porcello.

Upton fired off three tweets, one of them rather saucy, telling Porcello "you didn't win."

Asked whether he was bothered by the brouhaha, Porcello simply said, "No, I honestly don't care."

"I'm not the one who made the decision," he said on a conference call.

Porcello got a \$100,000 bonus for winning the Cy. Verlander, who won the 2011 award, would've gotten \$500,000 for this win.

Porcello bounced back from going 9-15 in his first season

with the Red Sox, finishing 22-4 for the AL East champs.

He shared this last win of 2016 with those who "never wavered" in their support, admitting, "It was hard not to start balling and crying."

Cleveland's Corey Kluber was third and got three first-place votes. Baltimore reliever Zach Britton, who went 47 for 47 on save chances with a 0.54 ERA, had five first-place votes and was fourth.

Scherzer breezed, drawing 25 first-place votes to beat out Chicago Cubs teammates Jon Lester and Kyle Hendricks.

Scherzer became the sixth pitcher to earn the Cy Young in both leagues. After earning the AL honor in 2013 with the Tigers, Scherzer joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, Gaylord

Perry and Roy Halladay as winners in both leagues.

This award, Scherzer said, meant even more than the first one.

"It just verifies everything I try to achieve," he said.

Scherzer posted a record-tying 20-strikeout performance for the NL East champion Nationals, a year after he threw two no-hitters in his first season with Washington.

"I want to find a way to be better," he said.

Scherzer is the first pitcher from a Washington franchise to win a Cy Young. The award was first presented in 1956.

Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw got three first-place votes and finished fifth. Jose Fernandez, the Miami star killed in a boating accident in September, was seventh.

Strong starts for Saisei, BSI Aces in masters baseball

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Saisei and the BSI Aces were on target in their first games in the 2016 Masters Baseball League this week.

The BSI Aces debuted in the league last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field and routed Rubak, 17-4. Saisei, on the other hand, was pitted against opening day winner Papa Bears last Wednesday and won the high-scoring game, 26-16.

Saisei exploded for 21 runs in the fifth and sixth innings to turn a 5-12 deficit to a 10-run victory. Papa Bears, which downed Brotherhood in the league's opening game last week, seemed headed for another win when it scored five runs in the first inning and still made it to the board in the next three, tallying two runs in the second and four and five in the third and fourth.

However, Saisei, which

had five runs in the first two innings before going cold in the next two, came back with a bang with an 11-run bottom of the fifth and completed the come-from-behind win by adding 10 more runs in the sixth. Papa Bears countered with only four runs in the fifth and sixth and was forced to hand the win to Saisei an inning early.

In last Monday's game, the BSI Aces got off to a good start, tallying eight runs at the bottom of the first inning to take early control of the match. The eventual winners kept the upper hand as they logged three runs each in the second to fourth inning.

Rubak made no more than two runs in each of the first three innings and was scoreless in the fourth and fifth, allowing the BSI Aces to take the victory via 10-run mercy rule.

Meanwhile, Brotherhood will play its second game today when it takes on the Old Stars, who won their first match over Rubak last week.



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Villacrusis. Sato and Boyer then handed MHS 16 more points after their Top 2 finish in the 400m freestyle, while Akimaru added 9 from his 100m butterfly swim. Moises also got 9 points in the 50m breaststroke.

Meanwhile, SSC would like to thank all the participants and volunteers in last Saturday's competition.

"Thank you for your participation in the 22nd All Schools swim meet last weekend. Despite the early rain it ended up being a great

day. Lots and lots fun all around," SSC head coach Jacoby Winkfield said in message sent to *Saipan Tribune*.

"SSC is grateful for all the volunteers who gave their time to come and support the event. SSC works hard to expose the children in the community to swimming and the healthy and active lifestyle it promotes, as well as the positive life skills it reinforces," he added.

Last weekend's All Schools meet also had competitions in the junior high school and results of the races will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Monday issue.

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from-behind win when SDA regrouped and pulled off a 15-12 triumph to set up a showdown against SIS 1 for one of the four semis tickets in the division.

SIS 1 coach Mili Saiki, during the team's huddle before the start of their game, urged her wards to go all out and help the Geckos keep the middle school perpetual trophy in her office. SIS 1 went on to respond to the challenge with a strong finish in the first set to move closer to the semis.

SDA led at 2-6 in the opening set, prompting Saiki to call an early timeout. After the wakeup call, the Geckos managed to tie the match at 9-all, before a light shower halted play. The game resumed after

a few minutes with the opposing teams going back and forth before SIS 1 gained cushion in the homestretch and took a 7-point winning margin.

In the second set, the Geckos were in complete control to cruise to victory and set their semis showdown against GCA 2, who marched in the Final Four after sweeping Mt. Carmel School 2 at their turf yesterday, 25-9, 25-9.

GCA 1 also needed only two sets to eliminate Agape Christian School, 25-8, 25-11. GCA 1's semis foe is the winner in the playoff game between Saipan Community School and MCS 1. Results of the Knights and Tsunamis tiff were unavailable at press time. The semis matches will be played on Monday, while the title game is scheduled for Tuesday.

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Ali'i Blue Haus more than doubled Stephen's Pawnshop's output in the payoff period, 30-13, en route to the 22-point winning margin. Ed Diaz, Bart Demapan, and Elmer Esdreton teamed up in Ali'i Blue Haus' strong finish with the former scoring 7 of his 13 points in the fourth canto. Demapan chipped in 6, while Esdreton

added 5 and the two Ali'i Blue Haus players went on to lead their team after tallying 19 markers apiece.

Five other Ali'i Blue Haus players hit the board in their fourth-quarter surge, while Stephen's Pawnshop was held to five field goals as it had limited options on offense. Stephen's Pawnshop was without big man Jorge De Guzman and its youth reinforcement Michael Espinosa.

Without its two key players, Stephen's Pawnshop relied heavily on Abuy and Arnold Arellano. Abuy had a game-high 28 points and was one of only two players on his team to make more than a field goal in the fourth period. Abuy had two triples, while Arellano drilled a triple and a layup to finish with 24 points. Jack Aranda was the third Stephen's Pawnshop to score in twin digits, but was held to 2

points in their fourth-quarter meltdown.

Ali'i Blue Haus 101—Demapan 19, Esdreton 19, Manalo 14, E. Diaz 13, Guiab 8, Santos 8, Barbo 6, Pagarao 6, Patawaran 4, Devero 2, Fernandez 2.

Stephen's Pawnshop 79—Abuy 28, Arellano 24, Aranda 18, Van Buren 5, Tolentino 4.

Scoring by quarters: 27-16, 50-42, 71-66, 101-79.

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Kanoa Football Club and NMI U16 Boys National Team kept their unbeaten records after prevailing against separate foes in the Division B games in the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Kanoa bagged its fifth win in as many matches after shutting down Dragon FC, 6-0, in the third game last weekend. NMI U16 had a similar easy victory over Shirley's FC in the curtain-raiser, 3-0. After blanking their respective foes, Kanoa and NMI U16 (4-1-0 win-draw-loss record) are still occupying the Top 2 spots in the team standings of the six-squad Division B field.

Andruw Omelau and Rod-wealth Espana knocked in two goals apiece in Kanoa's rout of the winless Dragon FC, while Kirt Andon and Christian Buno chipped in one goal each. With its six goals, Kanoa leads the division, as it has collected 31 so far this fall season.

Kanoa, NMI U16 still undefeated

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
NMI U16 Boys National Team players and coach Jerish Angeles, standing right, pose for a photo with the representative of their sponsor V-Cool before their game against Shirley's FC in Division B of the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

NMI U12 has earned 24 after Anthony Fruit, Joshua Abagan, and Jonah Pohl contributed one each in their win over Shirley's FC.

Shirley's FC fell to a 2-1-2 slate for third place ahead of the IFC Thundecats (2-1-3), NMI Women's (0-1-3), Dragon FC (0-0-5).

DIVISION A MP United 2, Paire 0

MP United is also undefeated in Division A, notching its fifth straight win after blanking Paire.

Fumikazu Sukenari canned the pair of goals for MP United, which kept the top spot in the division and has gained



Shirley's edges Alamo/Armatech, takes lead

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Shirley's Badminton Club took the lead in the 9th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament after downing Alamo/Armatech-sponsored United Badminton Club, 25-20, over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

The closely fought match was decided by the games on Court 3 with Shirley's pulling off a 13-8 victory in the seven events. On Court 1, which featured eight events, Shirley's and UBC were in a standoff, 12-12. Shirley's prevailed in the men's BC, mixed AB, women's AA, and women's CC doubles, while UBC won the women's BB, mixed AA, and mixed BC doubles matches on Court 3.

On Court 1, Shirley's triumphed in three of the first four events, ruling the wom-

en's BC, mixed BB, and men's BB doubles, while UBC topped the men's AA doubles. UBC added the men's AB and women's AB doubles to its credit, while Shirley's earned victories in the mixed CC and men's CC doubles.

Ferdie Arago and Windy Fernandez handed Shirley's a 21-14, 19-21, 21-15 win in the mixed AB doubles, while Lani Bartolome and Hannah Choi needed only two games to beat Marlene Peraja and Malou Malasarte in the women's AA doubles, 21-16, 21-12.

In the mixed CC doubles, Shirley's Alan Relativo and Cassie Obaldo went the distance against UBC's Jerome Malasarte and Miles Rodriguez before pulling off a 12-21, 22-20, 22-20 win. In the men's AB doubles, UBC this

time won with Glen Blautjens and Nate Guerrero easing past Chris Hilario and Daniel Macario, 21-10, 21-10. UBC also triumphed in the women's AB doubles with the mother-and-daughter pair of Malou and Nicole Malasarte outlasting Fernandez and Bartolome, 21-19, 19-21, 21-19.

In the men's C doubles, Shirley's and Erwin Lee outclassed UBC's Peter Han and Jerome Malasarte, 21-12, 21-12, while Baby Banadera and Obaldo needed only two games, too to top Patricia Abantao and Ella Soriano, 21-19, 24-22.

Shirley's also took the men's BC doubles after relation and Oh Im Bog swept Guerrero and Don Castillo, 21-13, 21-12, while UBC got the victory in the mixed BC doubles as Rodriguez and Mhar Dela Cruz outclassed Patrick Fernandez and Banadera, 21-12,

19-21, 21-15. The women's BC doubles also went to three games with Shirley's Vilma Reyes and Banadera winning over Rodriguez and Soriano, 18-21, 21-11, 21-16.

In the men's AA doubles, Blautjens and Guerrero teamed up anew and defeated Macoi Aguda and Macario, 21-19, 21-15, while UBC topped the mixed AA doubles with Andreau Galvez Malasarte sweeping Arago and Choi, 21-19, 21-13.

The three remaining events were decided after three games. Hilario and Jeff Riman edged Dela Cruz and Patrick Fieldad in the men's BB doubles, 21-11, 14-21, 21-17; Windy Fernandez and Oh Im Bog nipped Nicole Malasarte and Guerrero in the mixed AB, 21-23, 21-14, 21-17; and Nicole Malasarte and Lucelle Lampera downed Jaja Bocago and Windy Fernandez, 17-21, 21-17, 21-15.

nine goals this season.

Paire dropped to fourth place with its 1-1-3 card.

TanHoldings 4, Sun Palace 1

Erstwhile leader TanHoldings is close behind MP United at second place following its triumph over Sun Palace.

TanHoldings has a 4-0-1 mark, bringing its goal total so far to a division-best 23 after four different players scored for the team in their win over Sun Palace. Mareko Tekopua and Shingo Suzuki handed TanHoldings goals in the first half, while Joshua Galarion and Alan Hinson logged the other two in

the final 40 minutes of play.

Sun Palace, which is at third place with its 2-1-1 card, drew its lone goal from Sue Hee Chung.

KFAS 2, Matansa 1

Korean Football Association on Saipan barged into the win column after edging Matansa in the final game last weekend.

KFAS (1-0-3) drilled its two goals in the second half to foil Matansa's bid for victory No. 2. Matansa (1-0-5) led at half-time, 1-0, off Dhiraj Chhetri's goal in the second minute, but failed to hang on to the shaky lead when Min Ki Kim scored the equalizer and Young Ju Lee registered the go-ahead.

Shirley's whips foes in Dove women's league

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Shirley's Football Club recorded lopsided victories in the 2016 Dove Women's Fall League last Sunday at the Chacha Ocean View Middle School Field.

In Division A, Shirley's topped TanHoldings FC, 8-3, while in Division B, the former eased past Kanoa, 9-0.

Thereze Millare starred in Shirley's demolition of Kanoa after firing six goals, four of them came in succession. Millare started her string of goals in the second half in the 34th minute, while the last three came in the 40th, 42nd, and 47th. Her first two were made in the second and 14th minute.

Shirley's three other goals were from Katherine Magat,

Marilou Arriola, and Lilian Podziewski, who lit up the board in the sixth, 17th, and 28th minute, respectively.

In Division A, De Jana Muna and Jasmin Phan logged three goal each for Shirley's FC, while Katrina Costales added one. Muna had a hat trick streak, as he scored in the 52nd, 56th, and 58th minute. Phan hit the board first for Shirley's with her goal in the fourth minute before she made back-to-back scores in the 26th and 28th. Costales' shot came in the 18th minute.

TanHoldings drew goals from Gillian Villagomez, Britanny Wally, and Krizel Tuazon in the 15th, 27th, and 57th minute, respectively.

In other results, Kanoa won via forfeit over Babs in Division B, while MP United and Matansa prevailed over Top-notch and TanHoldings.



Shirley's Badminton Club's Oh Im Bog, left, returns to Alamo/Armatech United Badminton Club's Nate Guerrero and Nicole Malasarte, while teammate Windy Fernandez looks on during their doubles match last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.



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SIS 1, GCA teams enter semis



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Saipan International School 1 is one step away from a return trip to the finals after winning its playoff game against Seventh Day Adventist yesterday in the middle school division of the 2016-2017 Coalition of Private Schools Sports Association Volleyball League.



The Geckos, who won last season's championship after slipping past Grace Christian Academy in the finals, 25-18, 13-25, 15-6, advanced to the semis following their 25-18, 25-12 victory over SDA at the SIS court in As Lito.

SDA, before bowing to SIS 1, foiled an all-Geckos playoff duel when it outlasted SIS 2 in the continuation of their rained-out game last Wednesday at the SDA court in Chalan Kiya. SDA won the first set, 25-18, while the second was tied at 6-all, when the op-

posing teams agreed to call it a day because of the rain. The match resumed yesterday with SIS 1 forcing a deciding

third set following its tough 25-21 victory. However, SIS 2 failed to complete the come-

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Ali'i Blue Haus nears perfect record

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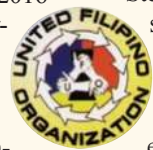
Ali'i Blue Haus boosted its bid for a perfect record in the regular season of the 2016 UFO/IT&E Inter-Organizational Basketball League following its 101-79 demolition of Stephen's Pawnshop last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ali'i Blue Haus now has a 7-0 mark and could sweep the elimination round with a victory over Save More in

last night's game. Stephen's Pawnshop, on the other hand, had its three-game winning streak snapped as it dropped to a 4-3 card.

Stephen's Pawnshop was still very much in the game at the end of the third period, behind by only 5, 66-71, and even took the lead momentarily, 63-61, off James Abuy's triple before Ali'i Blue Haus stepped on the gas in the final quarter.

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Dolphins cruise to victory in All Schools

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Marianas High School was the runaway winner in 22nd Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.

The Dolphins tallied 167 points to rank first in the high school category. They dominated their division as the runner-up Mt. Carmel School only came up with 45 points and Saipan Southern High School got 34. Saipan International School also joined the high school division and registered 13 points.

Angel De Jesus, Mark Maestro, Kento Akimaru, Taiga Sato, David Boyer, Kathrine Illahi, Adrian Libayan, and Ariel John Moises were MHS' representatives in the weekend meet.

The quartet of Libayan, Boyer, Moises, and De Jesus

completed the mixed 200m freestyle relay in 2:08.52 to hand MHS 18 points. Akimaru and Maestro then gave the Dolphins additional 18 markers (9



each) off their first place finishes in the 100 freestyle races in the boys 15 to 16 and 13 to 14 age groups, respectively. De Jesus also tallied 9 markers as she did



the same event in the women's over 17 division.

Illahi and Boyer contributed 9 points each off their swims in the 100m backstroke and 200m individual medley, while De Jesus and Moises chipped in 9 and 7 following their first and second place finishes in the 50m butterfly and 100m backstroke, respectively. Moises also raced in the 100m backstroke to bag 9 more points for the Dolphins.

In the mixed 50m freestyle, Maestro, Sato, and Illahi combined for 18 points as they were ranked second, third, and fourth and were behind MCS'

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Kento Akimaru suited up for Marianas High School in the 22nd Saipan Swim Club All Schools Swim Meet held last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool.



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Ali'i Blue Haus' Edwin Santos drives baseline and draws a foul on Stephen's Pawnshop's Raymond Tolentino during the third quarter of their game in the UFO caging last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.